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IN THE

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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States at its Annual Sessions, in Martinsburg, W. Va., in the month of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-two. The Sessions commenced on the evening of the eleventh and continued until the evening of the seventeenth day of the month, inclusive.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod convened in the Reformed Church of Martinsburg, Berkeley County, W. Va., on Tuesday evening, October 11th, A. D. 1892, at 7:30 o'clock, agreeably to appointment of the last annual meeting, and was opened with appropriate religious services. The opening sermon was preached by the Rev. C. U. Heilman, the retiring President, from 1 Cor. 4 : 1, 2, "Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

Moreover, it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."

At the conclusion of the sermon the Synod was called to order by the President, and formally opened with prayer. The Provisional Synodic Roll was then called, and a quorum was ascertained to be in attendance.

ARTICLE II.

DELEGATES PRESENT.

I.—From the Classis of Zion.

Ministers:—Isaac N. Peightel, Israel S. Weisz, D.D.,[c] Jacob O. Miller, D.D., and Alfred F. Dreisbach.[g]

Elders:—William Stuck, Charles A. Shultz,[h] William H. Miller,[g] and S. Nevin Hench.[4h]

II.—From the Classis of Maryland.

Ministers:—T. Franklin Hoffmeier, John G. Noss, Joseph W. Santee, D.D., William Goodrich, J. Spangler Kieffer, D.D., Calvin S. Slagle, Marion L. Firor, Henry Ditzler, U. Henry Heilman, George W. Snyder, Henry F. Dittmar, and Anthony Shulenberger.

Elders:—Jacob H. Cost, Joshua Albaugh, Goldsborough S. Griffith,[h] Uriah Warenfelts, Samuel S. Fleagle, J. Fenton Thomas,[2f] William H. Lakin,[2h] Daniel H. Stonebraker,[6] and John Gassman.[10]

III.—From the Classis of Mercersburg.

Ministers:—Zwingli A. Yearick, William C. Cremer, Irwin M. Beaver, Cyrus Cort. D.D.,[3] and Tilghman R. Dietz.[3]

Elders:—J. Newton Brewer, Samuel Hoeflich, Thomas G. Zarger,[i] and Daniel S. Barnhart.[i]

IV.—From the Classis of Virginia.

Ministers:—Calvin B. Heller, Lewis Reiter, John A. Hoffheins, D.D., Alpha K. Kline, James B. Stonesifer, and Thomas K. Cromer.[3]

Elders:—William A. Pence, Henry W. Roller,[h] Jacob Z. Fravel, John Fitz,[3] Daniel Getzendanner,[3] and Americus J. Souder.[4h]

V. From the Classis of North Carolina.

Minister:—Peter M. Trexler, D.D.

VI. From the Classis of Gettysburg.

Ministers:—George P. Stem, Thomas J. Barkley, Benjamin F. Bausman, and George B. Resser.[4]

Elders:—George W. Hartman, Abraham G. Keagy,[h] Robert M. Elliott, and Jacob N. Slagle.[4f]

VII. From the Classis of Carlisle.

Ministers:—J. David Miller, William H. Groh, and Samuel N. Callender, D.D.[4]

Elders:—Jacob Wetzel,[j] Adam Heberlig,[j] and Solomon B. Kissell.[3h]

VIII. From the Classis of Juniata.

Ministers:—S. Charles Stover, William C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., Lloyd E. Coblentz, Calvin U. Heilman, Frederick A. Rupley, D.D., and John W. Pontius.

Elders:—Percival D. Aurandt, Isaac K. Little, George L. Freet, Benjamin S. Fouse, and John P. Reed, Esq.

IX. From the Portland-Oregon Classis.

No delegates present.

The figure at the end of a name indicates the session at which a delegate took his seat, who was not present at the opening of the Synod.

The letters in their order refer to the session at which delegates obtained leave of absence.

Rev. William M. Deatrick occupied, during the first two sessions of Synod, the seat afterwards occupied by Rev. T. R. Dietz, and that of Rev. Z. A. Yearick, during the last four sessions. Rev. Sefellen E. Stofflet occupied, during the first two sessions of Synod, the seat afterwards occupied by Rev. C. Cort, and that of Rev. W. C. Cremer, during the fourth and fifth sessions. Rev. John W. Rauch occupied, during the first two sessions of Synod, the seat subsequently occupied by Rev. T. K. Cromer. Rev. Joseph W. Bell occupied, during the first three sessions of Synod, the seat afterwards occupied by Rev. S. N. Callender, and also during the last session. And Rev. Alfred S. Glessner occupied the seat of Rev. S. C. Stover, during the last four sessions of Synod.

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT.

The following advisory members were present at one or more sessions of the Synod, to wit:

Maryland Classis.—Revs. Edmund R. Eschbach, D.D., and Charles A. Santee.

Mercersburg Classis.—Revs. William M. Deatrick, D.D., Sefellen E. Stofflet, George W. Aughinbaugh, D.D., Jonas B. Shontz, and F. F. Bahner.

Virginia Classis.—Rev. John W. Rauch, and Elders Charles P.

Matthaei, Henry J. Seibert, James H. Myers, Theodore H. Davis, and Daniel S. Rentch.

Gettysburg Classis.—Rev. Edward D. Miller, and Elder Edgar Slagle.

Carlisle Classis.—Rev. Joseph W. Bell.

Juniata Classis.—Revs. Albert S. Glessner, and Simon U. Waugaman.

Eastern Synod.—Revs. Thomas M. Yundt, Milton H. Sangree, Adam C. Whitmer, John S. Stahr, Ph.D., Charles G. Fisher, D.D., and J. Stewart Hartman.

Pittsburgh Synod.—Revs. Simon S. Miller, and David N. Dittmar.

MINISTERS OF OTHER CHURCHES.

The presence was announced from time to time of Rev. F. M. Woods, D.D., of the Presbyterian Church; Rev. C. S. Trump, of the Lutheran Church; and Revs. W. C. Chapman, A. C. Cackley, D.D., and H. C. McDaniel, of the Methodist Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following members were elected the officers of the Synod for the current Synodical year, namely:

Rev. J. G. Noss, *President*, Silver Run, Md.

Elder J. P. Reed, *Vice-President*, Bedford, Pa.

Rev. W. M. Deatrick is *Stated Clerk*, Mercersburg, Pa.

Rev. L. Reiter, *Corresponding Secretary*, Roanoke, Va.

Rev. G. P. Stem, *Reading Clerk*, Littlestown, Pa.

Elder H. M. Schmuck, *Treasurer*, Hanover, Pa.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order were read by the Reading Clerk.

The President, agreeably to the Rules of Order, defined the *Bar of the House* to consist of the first seven pews from the chancel railing.

The following hours were fixed for the opening and closing of the sessions of the Synod, to wit: The morning session to open at 9 and close at 11:30 o'clock; the afternoon sessions to begin at 2 and end at 4:30 o'clock; and the evening sessions to commence at 7:45 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees, to wit:

Religious Services.—Revs. J. A. Hoffheins, J. W. Rauch, J. B. Stonesifer, and Elders W. A. Pence and H. W. Roller.

Minutes of Synod.—Revs. W. M. Deatrick, B. F. Bausman, M. L. Firor, and Elders J. Albaugh and S. S. Fleagle.

Overtures.—Revs. C. S. Slagle, J. D. Miller, S. E. Stofflet, and Elders W. Stuck and A. Heberlig.

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. T. F. Hoffmeier, T. J. Barkley, J. W. Pontius, and Elders S. Hoeflich and W. A. Pence,

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Revs. J. W. Santee, P. M. Trexler, G. B. Resser, and Elders J. H. Cost and G. S. Griffith.

State of Religion and Statistics.—Revs. C. U. Heilman, W. C. Schaeffer, A. Shulenberger, and Elders P. D. Aurandt and J. Wetzel.

Education.—Revs. W. Goodrich, W. C. Cremer, G. W. Snyder, and Elders J. N. Brewer and G. W. Hartman.

Orphan Homes.—Revs. I. N. Peightel, A. K. Kline, L. E. Coblentz, and Elders J. F. Thomas and B. S. Fouse.

Missions.—Revs. F. A. Rupley, J. W. Pontius, J. S. Kieffer, and Elders W. H. Lakin and J. N. Brewer.

Publication.—Revs. J. S. Kieffer, W. H. Groh, H. F. Dittmar, and Elders J. P. Reed and G. S. Griffith.

Finance.—Revs. U. H. Heilman, F. A. Rupley, T. J. Barkley, and Elders C. A. Shultz and T. G. Zarger.

Invested Funds.—Rev. G. B. Resser, and Elders G. N. Forney and H. M. Schmuck.

Nominations.—Revs. Z. A. Yearick, H. Ditzler, S. C. Stover, and Elders G. L. Freet and R. M. Elliott.

Ministerial Necrology.—Revs. C. Cort, L. Reiter, A. F. Dreisbach, and Elders U. Warenfelts and I. K. Little.

Auditing Endowment.—Rev. T. J. Barkley, and Elders J. N. Slagle and I. Laucks.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Zion, Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, North Carolina, Gettysburg, Carlisle, Juniata and Portland-Oregon, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes for examination, except the Reports on the State of Religion and the Statistical Tables, which were referred to the Standing Committee on those subjects.

2. The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod was presented and read and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, for the purpose of being audited.

3. The Annual Reports of the Board of Education, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, the Board of Visitors and the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., and the Treasurer's Report of the same institution were presented to Synod and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education for further consideration.

4. The Annual Reports of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions, the Treasurer of Home Missions and the Report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were received and severally referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for further notice.

5. The Annual Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church was laid before the Synod and read, after which it was referred to the Standing Committee on Publication for consideration.

6. The Annual Report of the Sunday-school Board was presented to the Synod, read and disposed of without reference. It will be found in its proper place.

7. A number of communications were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Synod, during its sessions, observed the following religious services, to wit:

1. The sessions of each day were severally opened and closed with appropriate religious services.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services reported as follows, which was received and adopted, namely:

Your Committee on Religious Services begs leave to report the following appointments for services:

Wednesday Evening.—Anniversary of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows. Opening service by Rev. L. E. Coblentz. Rev. W. M. Deatrick to preside. Addresses by the President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Society.

Thursday Evening.—Our Educational Interests. Opening service by Rev. S. U. Waugaman. Addresses by Revs. I. N. Peightel, and Dr. J. S. Stahr.

Friday Evening.—Sunday-school Aniversary. Our Sunday-school Work. Opening service by Rev. H. F. Dittmar. Elder G. S. Griffith to preside. 1st Topic—"The Sunday-school Teacher in his study, in his class, in his life," by Revs. W. C. Schaeffer and J. B. Shontz. 2nd Topic—"The Bible, the Catechism, the Lesson Helps—their place and use in the Sunday-school," by Revs. G. B. Resser and C. S. Slagle.

Saturday Afternoon.—Preparatory Services. Altar service by Rev. H. Ditzler. Address by Rev. T. J. Barkley.

Saturday Evening.—Home Missions Anniversary. Rev. A. C. Whitmer to preside. Addresses by Revs. L. E. Coblentz and J. O. Miller.

Sunday Morning.—Holy Communion. Altar services by Rev. W. C. Cremer. Sermon by Rev. J. G. Noss.

Sunday Afternoon.—Children's Day Service. Addresses by Elder J. P. Reed and Rev. M. L. Firor.

Sunday Evening.—Anniversary of Foreign Missions. Rev. S. N. Callender to preside. Addresses by Revs. J. S. Kieffer and S. N. Callender.

OTHER CHURCHES.

Presbyterian Church.—Sunday morning, sermon by Rev. U. H. Heilman,—evening by Rev. C. Cort.

Methodist E. Church North.—Sunday morning, sermon by Rev. H. F. Dittmar,—evening by Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier.

Methodist E. Church South—Sunday morning, sermon by Rev. P. M. Trexler,—evening, by Rev. J. D. Miller.

Lutheran Church.—Sunday morning, sermon by Rev. G. P. Stem,—evening, by Rev. J. W. Pontius.

Zion African Methodist E. Church.—Sunday morning, sermon by Rev. A. Shulenberger,—evening, by Rev. C. U. Heilman.

Respectfully submitted, J. A. Hoffheins, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The reading of the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting publicly before the Synod was dispensed with, and the printed "Acts and Proceedings" of the last annual sessions of the Synod were referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, to report such items of business as properly claimed the consideration of the present meeting of the Synod. During the session of Wednesday afternoon this Committee presented its report, which was received, considered item by item, adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF SYNOD.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee, to whom the Printed Minutes were referred for examination, begs leave, after careful inspection of them, to report the following items as claiming in our judgment, the notice and consideration of the present sessions of the Synod, namely:

Item 1, *page* 7. The usual Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology is appointed, whose duty it will be to report to the present meeting of the Synod.

Item 2, *page* 7. The Standing Committee on Invested Funds is appointed, whose duty it is to report to this meeting of the Synod, of which committee Elder G. N. Forney is chairman.

Item 3, *page* 37. The Theological Professorship Endowment Committee is instructed to present a summarized statement of the contributions to the Endowment Fund to Synod, as soon as all the collectible pledges have been paid.

Item 4, *page* 40. The committee to raise funds to cancel the indebtedness of Mercersburg College is continued.

Item 5, *page* 44. A committee of conference is appointed to confer with similar committees from the Pittsburgh and Eastern Synods to secure joint ownership and control of the Institutions at Lancaster, Pa., to report plans, etc.

Item 6, *page* 44. A committee to act with similar committees from the Eastern and Pittsburgh Synods to select a location, collect funds and procure plans for the erection of a Seminary Building.

Item 7, *page* 44. A committee is appointed to confer with the authorities of the North Carolina Classis and of Catawba College in reference to establishing a Theological Department in said college, and report a plan for the consideration of the Synod, if satisfactory arrangements can be made with said authorities.

Item 8, *page* 44. It will be necessary to nominate for election by the Eastern Synod for the term of one year, four members of the Board of Visitors and six members of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

Item 9, *page* 44. It will be the duty of Synod to fill by election the vacancies that are about to take place in the Board of Education, of those whose terms of office expire at this meeting of Synod.

Item 10, *page* 44. It will be necessary for Synod to elect three members of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, to fill the places of those whose terms of service will terminate during the present month.

Item 11, *page* 59. The Treasurer of Synod is directed to advance a certain amount to the Treasurer of the General Synod's Board of Home Missions for Harbor Missions, and the Classes delinquent in the payment of their apportionments for said cause are enjoined to pay their arrearages without further delay. In the same connection an error is pointed out by the Stated Clerk, showing that the amount not paid by the Synod on Harbor Missions apportionments is much less than claimed.

Item 12, *page* 60. It becomes the duty of the Synod to elect two members of the Synodic Board of Missions for four years, and one member for three years, to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of Rev. S. Z. Beam.

Item 13, *page* 66. Apportionments are made for Home Missions, Beneficiary Education, Church Building, Church Extension in Baltimore and Hungarian Missions.

Item 14, *page* 66. Assessments are made for Contingent Fund of Synod, Mercersburg College and Theological Seminary.

Item 15, *page* 67. Various arrearages are noted on apportionments and assessments for Contingent Fund, Contingent Fund of General Synod, Mercersburg College, Theological Seminary, Hungarian Missions, Harbor Missions, Beneficiary Education and Wichita College.

Item 16, *page* 69. It will be necessary to elect a member of the Synod's Board of Trustees to fill the place of Elder Edgar Slagle, whose term of office will end on the first of January next, agreeably to the charter.

Item 17, *page* 72. It becomes necessary to elect a member of the Sunday-school Board, to fill the vacancy that will occur therein, during the present sessions of the Synod.

Item 18, *page* 75. The Stated Clerk is directed to have two thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the last annual meeting published.

Item 19, *page* 79. The Stated Clerk is instructed to prepare and issue a circular to the pastors of the Church, setting forth the objects and needs of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of our Church.

Item 20, *page* 80. An evening of the present sessions of Synod is ordered to be set apart as an anniversary of said Society for the presentation of the object and claims of the Society, and the officers of the said Society are requested to arrange a suitable programme for said meeting.

Item 21, *page* 81. A committee is appointed to attend the unveiling or dedication of the monument erected to the memory of the late Rev. Dr. E. E. Higbee, at Emmitsburg, Md.

Item 22. It will be necessary for the Synod to make the sixth apportionment of five hundred dollars upon the several Classes for Church Extension in Baltimore city, in order to meet the pledge of the Synod, at Mechanicsburg, Pa., in 1887. Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod on item 1, see Article XX., Ministerial Necrology; on items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, see Article XIII., Education; items 8, 9, 10, 12, 16 and 17 were severally referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations to make the required nominations; on items 11, 14, 15 and 22, see Article XV., Finance; on item 13, Articles XIII., XIV. and XV., Education, Missions and Finance; on item 18, see Article XX., Publication; on items 19 and 21, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous; and on item 20, see Article VII., Religious Services.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented its report at intervals which was received and acted on item by item, subsequently adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Overtures begs leave to report the following papers placed in our hands for examination, to wit:

Item 1. A statement of the present condition and outlook of our missionary work in Japan, accompanied by an earnest appeal for aid by the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Item 2. A communication from Rev. J. G. Schmid, asking that himself and the other delegates of the Portland-Oregon Classis be excused on account of their inability from attending the present sessions of the Synod.

Item 3. A letter from the same, requesting aid for his work as missionary, in building a church in Astoria, Oregon.

Item 4. A communication from Rev. J. Muellhaupt, of Salem, Oregon, setting forth the condition of the congregation at Stockton, California, accompanied with certain requests.

Item 5. A copy of the resolutions passed by the Board of Trustees of Catawba College in reference to establishing a theological professorship in connection with said College.

Item 6. A communication from the Pittsburgh Synod with reference to the observance of the centennial of the autonomy of the Reformed Church.

Item 7. A letter from Rev. Dr. Chas. G. Fisher, assigning satisfactory reasons for the late appearance of last year's Minutes of Synod.

Item 8. A request from Rev. A. Wanner for the payment of his expenses incurred as a member of the committee to select site for the Seminary Building to be erected at Lancaster, Pa.

Item 9. The annual report of the President and Secretary of Bethany Orphan Home.

Item 10. A statement of the condition and wants of St. Paul's Orphan Home.

Item 11. A letter from Rev. Prof. J. C. Bowman, who was appointed to convey to the Eastern Synod the action of last annual meeting, adopting certain recommendations concerning the transfer of the missions of the Bi-Synodic Board to the care of the General Synod's Board of Home Missions, stating that he had attended to the duty assigned.

Item 12. Two copies of an Order of Service with the Heidelberg Catechism compiled and arranged by the Rev. N. Z. Snyder.

Item 13. A reprint of the Third edition of *The Anxious Bench* by Rev. J. W. Nevin, D.D., with an introduction by Rev. J. S. Stahr, Ph.D.; published by Daniel Miller, of Reading, Pa.

Item 14. A booklet on the needs of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., by Rev. Prof. Bowman.

Item 15. The Annual Register of Franklin and Marshall College and the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., for 1891–1892.

Respectfully submitted, C. S. Slagle, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod on items 1, 2, 3 and 4, see Article XIV., Missions; on items 5, 14 and 15, see Article XIII., Education; on items 6, 9, 10, 12 and 13, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous; items 7 and 11 were adopted; and the request in item 8 was ordered to be attended to by the Treasurer of Synod.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on the Minutes of Classes presented its report during the session of Saturday afternoon, which was received, disposed of item by item, amended and adopted as a whole. The report as adopted, is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF CLASSES.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac: Your Committee on Minutes of Classes begs leave to present the following report. The Minutes of all the Classes for the past year have been placed in our hands. From these the following items have been obtained:

I. IRREGULARITIES.

1. Zion's and Portland-Oregon Classes failed to call the roll before final adjournment.
2. Zion's and North Carolina Classes neglected to number the pages of their minutes.
3. Gettysburg Classis does not record the Treasurer's Report, nor a synopsis of it.
4. North Carolina Classis failed to make marginal references, and to affix the seal of Classis to its minutes.
5. In recording the dismissal of a minister, North Carolina Classis makes the record simply "request granted."
6. The same Classis fails to state whether a Treasurer was elected.
7. The same Classis failed to furnish Synod with copies of its special meetings.
8. Maryland Classis, in its minutes of a special meeting, fails to state that the meeting was held at the time and place, for which it was called.
9. The same Classis failed to read and approve the minutes at the close of the two special meetings held in Hagerstown and Cavetown.
10. Virginia Classis failed to furnish a copy of its minutes in accordance with the rules of Synod, namely, the full proceedings on legal cap paper, paged, and with marginal references.

II. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

11. Maryland Classis asks Synod to excuse it from the apportionment of $91.00 for Church Building of last year.
12. The same Classis overtures Synod with reference to an omission in the Minutes of 1891.
13. North Carolina Classis learns with pleasure of the willingness of Synod to co-operate with it in establishing a theological department in connection with Catawba College, and authorizes the Synod to furnish an endowment for one professorship in said department.
14. Gettysburg Classis requests Synod to remit its arrearage of $80.00 on Harbor Missions, and $205.00 on Beneficiary Education.
15. Virginia Classis asks to be excused from the payment of apportionments for Home Missions, Church Building, Mercersburg College, Church Extension in Baltimore, and Harbor Missions.
16. The same Classis asks for a larger number of the copies of the Minutes of Synod.
17. The same Classis requests the Synod to secure an earlier publication of its Minutes.
18. The Carlisle Classis asks to be exonerated from the payment of arrearages on Mercersburg College, Theological Seminary, Hungarian and Harbor Missions and Beneficiary Education.

III. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS.

None.

IV. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO THE CLASSES.

19. All the Classes took favorable action on the subjects refered to them, except as follows:

Virginia Classis on all subjects except on apportionments as noted above under item 15.

Zion's Classis on all except on apportionments for Church Extension in Baltimore, Theological Seminary, and the request to patronize the publication interests at Philadelphia.

Maryland Classis all except as to the apportionment for Church Building.

North Carolina Classis assumed only $250.00 of the apportionment for Home Missions, and nothing for Church Building, Mercersburg College, or Hungarian Missions.

20. Zion's, Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, North Carolina, Gettysburg, Carlisle, and Juniata Classes severally adopted the Constitution and recommendations of the General Synod for the formation of a Federal Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States and the Reformed Church in America, as referred to the Classes for approval or rejection. The Portland-Oregon Classis seems to have overlooked the matter.

V. LICENSED, ORDAINED, RECEIVED, AND DISMISSED.

21. Zion's Classis licensed Charles H. Brandt, and dismissed him to the Maryland Classis.

22. Maryland Classis received Rev. Frank Lambader from the German Philadelphia Classis, Rev. Hiram J. McAllister from St. John's Independent Methodist Church of Baltimore, Md., Rev. Charles W. Levan from the East Pennsylvania Classis, Rev. Charles A. Santee from the Kansas Classis, Rev. William I. Stewart from the Carlisle Classis, Rev. Isaac M. Motter from the Mercersburg Classis, and licentiate Charles H. Brandt from Zion's Classis, and ordained him, licensed and ordained Atvill Connor, Jr., and licensed E. William Stonebraker, and dismissed him to the Juniata Classis; and dismissed Rev. Warren J. Johnson to the Lebanon Classis, Rev. Jeremiah M. Mickly to the Gettysburg Classis, Rev. Ambrose M. Schmidt to the Allegheny Classis, Rev. Samuel L. Whitmore to the West Susquehanna Classis, and Rev. George C. Erb to the Mercersburg Classis.

23. Mercersburg Classis received the licentiate Irwin M. Beaver from the Tiffin Classis, and ordained him to the Gospel Ministry, and Rev. George C. Erb from Maryland Classis; and dismissed Rev. Jeriah S. Shade to the Philadelphia Classis, Rev. Jeremiah W. Knappenberger to the Lehigh Classis, Rev. John F. Mackley, M. D., to the Gettysburg Classis, and Rev. Isaac M. Motter to the Maryland Classis.

24. Virginia Classis received Rev. Calvin B. Heller from the North Carolina Classis, Rev. James B. Stonesifer from the Juniata Classis, and Rev. Samuel A. Hitner from the East Pennsylvania Classis.

25. North Carolina Classis received Rev. David P. Lefever from the Philadelphia Classis, and the licentiate Andrew H. Smith from the Schuylkill Classis, and ordained him to the Holy Ministry; and dismissed Rev. Calvin B. Heller to the Virginia Classis, and Rev. Allen R. Holshouser to the Wichita Classis.

26. Gettysburg Classis received Rev. Edward D. Miller from the Wyoming Classis, Rev. Jeremiah M. Mickly from the Maryland Classis, and Rev. John F. Mackley, M. D., from the Mercersburg Classis; and dismissed Rev. Ambrose C. Geary to the Juniata Classis.

27. Carlisle Classis received Rev. George A. House from the Tuscarawas Classis; and dismissed Rev. Abraham B. Stoner to the St. Joseph Classis, Rev. William I. Stewart to the Maryland Classis, and Rev. Silas L. Messinger to the Philadelphia Classis.

28. Juniata Classis licensed Frederick A. Rupley, Jr., and D. G. Hetrick, and ordained the latter to the work of the Christian Ministry; received the licentiates Simon U. Waugaman from the Westmoreland Classis, and E. William Stone-

braker from the Maryland Classis, and ordained them to the Holy Ministry. Rev. John F. Moyer from the Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod, Rev. Cyrus J. Musser from the Allegheny Classis, Rev. Titus C. Strock from the Tohickon Classis, and Rev. Ambrose C. Geary from the Gettysburg Classis; and dismissed Rev. Cyrus J. Musser to the Philadelphia Classis, Rev. Joseph H. Apple, D. D., to the St. Paul's Classis, Rev. Christian W. Summey, to the Westmoreland Classis, Rev. James B. Stonesifer to the Virginia Classis, Rev. Henry F. Long to the Tohickon Classis, Rev. Samuel Z. Beam, D. D., to the Eastern Ohio Classis, and the licentiate Frederick A. Rupley, Jr., to the Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod.

29. Portland-Oregon Classis received Rev. Theodore Wartman from the Consistory of the Canton of St. Gall, Switzerland.

VI. PLACES AND TIMES OF THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE CLASSES.

30. Zion's Classis will meet in the Reformed Church at Red Lion, York County, Pa., May 2d, A.D. 1893, at 7:30 o'clock, P.M. Rev. O. P. Schellhamer, *President;* Rev. I. S. Wiesz, *Stated Clerk;* and Elder C. A. Shultz, *Treasurer.*

31. Maryland Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Sharpsburg, Washington County, Md., May 4th, A.D. 1893, at 7:30 o'clock, P.M. Rev. L. F. Zinkhan, *President;* Rev. E. R. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk;* and Rev. U. H. Heilman, *Treasurer.*

32 Mercersburg Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Greencastle, Franklin County, Pa., May 4th, A.D. 1893, at 7:30 o'clock, P. M., Rev. J. Hassler, *President;* and Rev. W. M. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk* and *Treasurer.*

33. Virginia Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Winchester, Frederick County, Va., June 7th, A.D. 1893, at 8 o'clock, P.M. Rev. A. K. Kline, *President;* and Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, *Stated Clerk* and *Treasurer.*

34. North Carolina Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Burlington, Alamance County, N. C., May 3d, A.D. 1893, at 11 o'clock, A.M. Rev. J. C. Clapp, *President;* Rev. J. C. Leonard, *Stated Clerk;* and Elder H. A. Forney, *Treasurer.*

35. Gettysburg Classis will meet in Emmanuel Reformed Church of Hanover, York County, Pa., June 6th, A. D. 1893, at 7:30 o'clock, P.M. Rev. G. B. Resser, *President;* and Rev. T. J. Barkley, *Stated Clerk* and *Treasurer.*

36. Carlisle Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Mechanicsburg, Cumberland County, Pa., June 8th, A D. 1893, at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. W. H. Groh, *President;* and Rev. J. D. Miller, *Stated Clerk* and *Treasurer.*

37. Juniata Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Bedford, Bedford County, Pa., June 5th, A.D. 1893, at 7:30 o'clock, P.M. Rev. R. L. Gerhart, *President;* Rev. J. W. Pontius, *Stated Clerk;* and Rev. F. A. Rupley, *Treasurer.*

38. *Portland-Oregon Classis* will meet in the Reformed Church of Mink, Clackamas County, Oregon, May 25th, A.D. 1893, at 8 o'clock, P.M. Rev. J. Muellhaupt, *President;* Rev. J. G. Schmid, *Stated Clerk;* and Elder J. A. Fischer, *Treasurer.*

Respectfully submitted,

T. F. Hoffmeier, *Chairman.*

Items 1 to 10 inclusive were adopted, and the attention of those Classes called to their irregularities. The requests in items 11, 14, 15, and 18 were granted. Items 12, 13, 16, 17, and 20 to 38 inclusive were severally adopted. The following was adopted in reference to item 19.

Resolved, That the Synod greatly regrets that the Classes named did not feel themselves able to comply with all the recommendations of the Synod, and expresses the hope, that this will not be the case hereafter.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE, AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure, and Ordination reported as follows, which was received and adopted, to wit:

The Committee on Examination, Licensure, and Ordination, to whom was referred Gottholdt A. Neeff, a graduate of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., for examination with a view to licensure, begs leave to report, that the Committee has attended to the duty assigned, and his examination has been satisfactory, and the Committee recommends him to Synod for licensure.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. Santee, *Chairman.*

On motion, Mr. Gottholdt A. Neeff was granted licensure to preach the Gospel, and having signed the Constitutional *Formula*, the Officers of Synod were instructed to furnish him with the proper Certificate of Licensure. He was placed under the care of the Maryland Classis.

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICAL REPORTS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports submitted its report to the Synod during the session of Monday evening, which was received and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

"It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, Lord God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Ghost."

From the classical reports placed in our hands, we learn that we have great reasons for gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for the manifold evidences of His love, presence and help. And the Pastors have been enabled to continue their labors, and blessed results have crowned their efforts. While compelled to wage war against the great adversary; after the many bitter contests that have been passed through only under the leadership of the Great Captain, was it possible to go on conquering and to conquer. Some have been overcome, yet how many have been preserved and what numbers were won for Christ.

The *missionary* work has made some progress, and a number of Woman Mission societies, with Young Peoples' and Children's Bands, have been organized during the year, beside the Young Peoples' Society of Christian Endeavor, and chapters of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip, all having for their object the organizing of our young people for more effective work in the church.

With our educational system of religion we welcome this more earnest effort to set to work the young as they are gathered into the full communion of the church. Perhaps we have been too often satisfied when we had instructed them in the doctrines and duties of our holy religion, and confirmed them; forgetting that education is complete not when the intellect is instructed, but only when we have learned to put into practice what we have learned.

A number of beautiful and comfortable churches were built, showing a love for the sanctuary and a desire to make it a place where the Lord's people may be reminded of His presence when they come to worship Him in spirit

and truth. Others have been repaired, and yet others enlarged to make more convenient.

New *parsonages* were built and old ones repaired, showing what regard was had for the comfort of pastors and their families, and thus add another tie to bind pastors and people in a common church or congregational life.

New *missions* have been established at promising points in the bounds of several of the Classes, thus having a care for those who have removed from the bounds of their former church homes, and extending our fields of usefulness to new territories.

New *charges* have also been formed by dividing the larger fields, and enabling pastors to have a better oversight of the people committed to their care.

There is a call for more laborers in that part of the Lord's vineyard committed to our care. One Classis reports that out of its nineteen charges there were only six pastorates which remained unchanged during the entire year, of which some were without pastors for years. Such a state of affairs does great injustice to the vacant fields, and also interrupts the work of those who are called to supply them.

We are hopeful as to the future; for this same Classis has under its care now eight young men who are preparing for the ministry, and at its last meeting licensed three young men to preach the Gospel.

The *Sunday-schools* are made more and more the nurseries of the church, yet there are some who are not reached by the schools, which leaves room for enlarged work.

The sacrament of *Holy Baptism* has been faithfully administered; in only one report is there complaint that parents are negligent in bringing their children into covenant relation with the Lord, where nearly one-half are adult baptisms; while others express joy that there is such a general appreciation of the covenant relation, with all its duties and privileges growing out of it. Too much stress cannot be laid upon its necessity.

Catechization has been made more effective by parents sending their children for instruction for years before they made a public confession, and are received by confirmation. While the additions are not near so numerous as they are by some other systems, yet a fewer number forsake Christ and return to the beggarly elements of the world, where they are harder to reach than at first.

While some report that the communicants are more regular, yet a larger number have absented themselves from the Holy Communion during this year than formerly, which may be accounted for in part by the fact that so many charges were without pastors. Among the many who have fallen asleep in Jesus throughout our Synod during the past year, were a number of elders who were called from the midst of their duties while laboring for the benefit of their congregations, and encouraging the people by the faithfulness of their lives and works of faith, thus ending their conflicts with the great adversary, and entering upon the joys in store for the faithful soldiers of the cross.

The Rev. Cyrus H. Reiter was the only minister among our whole number who was asked to lay down his pilgrim's staff. He loved his Master, and with joy accepted every opportunity which presented itself to preach the Gospel of Christ after he was deprived of the privilege of serving a regular charge. He labored until almost the end of life; being suddenly called, he lingered only a few days longer in a state of unconsciousness before he took his departure. The officers and ministers of Juniata Classis, after suitable services, carried his body and laid it in the cemetery of the Reformed church at Marklesburg, Pa., where it now rests side by side with many of those to whom he ministered in holy things during a former pastorate.

Each annual meeting will add new names to this list, and soon ours will also be recorded here. What a summons to put forth our utmost efforts, for the

night of death approaches, yet with this will also come the blessed reward. Let us remember the admonition: "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

We may, and should, still rejoice in the blessed communion of all the saints, "wherein he giveth us also to have part," as they are now like a cloud of witnesses by which we are compassed about, and who continually behold us as we are engaged in the conflict, and we pray that the Great Shepherd may keep us in the faith, and at death we may enter into their joy.

Respectfully submitted,

C. U. HEILMAN, *Chairman.*

(For the Statistical Tables, see Appendix.)

ARTICLE XIII.

EDUCATION.

The Board of Education submitted its annual report to the Synod during the session of Wednesday forenoon, which was received and then referred for consideration to the Standing Committee on Education. The report is as follows.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Board of Education begs leave, through its Treasurer, to submit the following Annual Report for the Synodic year just ended:

At the close of the last annual meeting of the Synod at Chambersburg, the members of the Board then and there in attendance, being a quorum or majority, met and effected an organization for the year by the re-election of the officers of the previous year, namely, Rev. W. C. Cremer as *President*, Rev. J. David Miller as *Secretary*, and Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick as *Treasurer*.

The good work of the Board has moved forward with an encouraging degree of progress, and we are happy in being able to report the past year as a prosperous one, under the benign favor of our gracious Heavenly Father. The young men under our care made commendable advancement in their various studies. A larger amount has been contributed by the several Classes for beneficiary education, during the past fiscal year, than in any former year of the Board's existence. Three of the beneficiaries, namely, Daniel G. Hetrick, Atvill Conner, Jr., and E. William Stonebraker, completed their theological course of training for the holy ministry in the Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., last May. The first named was examined and licensed by the Juniata Classis, whilst the other two were examined and licensed by the Maryland Classis. Mr. Conner was ordained by the Maryland Classis, and is laboring within its bounds. Messrs. Hetrick and Stonebraker were set apart to the work of the Christian ministry by the Juniata Classis, and are now serving pastoral charges of said Classis. Ira L. Bryner, of the Carlisle Classis, has withdrawn from the care of the Board as no longer desiring its financial support. Two young men have been taken under our care with appropriations at the request of the Juniata Classis, namely, George W. Beaver and Ross Wicks. C. Edgar Reber was enrolled at the request of the Mercersburg Classis, George W. Shellenger at that of the Zion's Classis, Urban C. E. Gutelius at that of the Gettysburg Classis, and Frederick Cromer of the Maryland Classis. During the year your Board has aided thirty-three young men with funds in their preparation for the holy ministry, supplied by the Maryland, Juniata, Virginia, Carlisle, Mercersburg, Zion's and Gettysburg Classes, as the Treasurer's

Report, constituting a part of this report, will show. The beneficiaries now on our list stand connected as follows: Maryland Classis, six; Juniata Classis, six; Zion's Classis, five; Mercersburg Classis, four; Virginia Classis, four; Carlisle Classis, four; and Gettysburg Classis, four. They are J. Philip Harner, Lewis T. Lampe, Homer S. May, and Paul M. Spangler, *Seminary Seniors;* Jacob S. Garrison, George S. Gill, Louis C. Harnish, Frank L. Kerr, Otto K. Spessard, and Louis C. Summer, *Seminary Middlers;* J. Calvin Bolger, Lewis P. Krome, and F. J. Emil Muehe, *Seminary Juniors;* William E. Bushong, Joseph S. M. Isenberg, C. Edgar Reber, Charles E. Wagner, Wm. G. Welsh, and David J. Wolf, *College Seniors;* Charles A. Bushong, Frederick Cromer, Urban C. E. Gutelius, Henry H. Hartman, Ezra D. Lantz, and Albert F. Nace, *College Juniors;* Amos T. Bennett, Frederick C. Seitz, George W. Shellenberger and John N. Wolff, *College Sophomores;* and George W. Beaver, Moses A. Kieffer, Nevin L. Weidner, and Ross Wicks less far advanced in their studies.

The Treasurer of the Board thankfully acknowledges the reception of the following amounts during the fiscal year ending on the first of the present month, for beneficiary education, omitting the dates of payments into the Treasury, and summarizing them where there have been two or more contributions from the same charge or church, and also including the amounts from Sunday-schools, where such have given, so as to give the sum total contributed by each pastoral charge respectively, except in the cases of the Virginia and Gettysburg Classes, where the sources of the receipts were not furnished. The amount accredited to the Third Reformed Church, of Baltimore, was contributed by the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip, of that congregation. Sixty-four dollars and fifty cents of the sum placed to the credit of the Woodberry Church, of Baltimore, were refunded to the treasury of the Board by its pastor.

And here the inquiry may very properly be made, why others who have been liberally assisted in their preparation for the sacred office by funds furnished by the Church, through your Board, and who are in pastoral charges paying good salaries, should not commence the duty of refunding, and thus save the Synod, in part at least, from making the heavy apportionments for beneficiary education that have become necessary from year to year. Of the many thousand dollars furnished to former beneficiary students of the Board since the present treasurer has been in office, the foregoing case is the only one where even a beginning has been made at refunding.

SYNOPSIS OF TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts.

Maryland Classis.—Third Church of Baltimore, $150.00; First Church of Baltimore, $101.29; Frederick Church, 100.00; Woodberry Church, $81.50; First Church of Hagerstown, $71.05; Mechanicstown Charge, 58.77; Middletown Church, $70.00; Jefferson Charge, $45.33; Manchester Charge, $41.23; Clear Spring Charge, $40.43; Mount Moriah Charge, $37.43; Manor Charge, $36.75; Cavetown Charge, $34.79; Grace Mission, Washington, D. C., $33.23; Silver Run Charge, $27.75; Union Bridge Charge, $21.78; Taneytown Charge, $18.88; Glade Charge, $16.00; Christ Church of Baltimore, $14.00; Westminster Charge, $12.33; Mount Pleasant Charge, $10.90; Boonsboro Charge, $10.00; Fairview Church, $7.88; and Sabillasville Charge, $2.45. Making $1043.77.

Juniata Classis.—Waterstreet Charge, $95.00; First Church of Altoona, $85.00; Huntingdon Charge, $70.09; Martinsburg Charge, $70.00; St. Clairsville Charge, $60.00; Dunning's Creek Charge, $45.00; Yellow Creek Charge, $45.00; Friend's Cove Charge, $45.00; Second Church of Altoona, $32.00; Everett Charge, $30.00; Sulphur Spring Charge, $30.00; Greenfield Charge,

$25.00; Bedford Charge, $15.38; Schellsburg Charge, $5.30; and interest of Nicholas Gruber legacy, $112.74. Making $765.51.

Virginia Classis.—Per Treasurer of Classis, $709.00.

Carlisle Classis.—Zion's Charge, $172.98; New Bloomfield Charge, $85.26; Carlisle Church, $68.84; Landisburg Charge, $64.37; Carlisle Springs Charge, $52.66; Mechanicsburg Charge, $46.80; Duncannon Charge, $41.36; and Newburg Charge, 38.02. Making $572.29.

Mercersburg Classis.—First Church of Chambersburg, $100.00; Waynesboro Charge, $80.00; Mercersburg Charge, $60.84; St. Paul's Charge of Waynesboro, $48.00; Shippensburgh Church, $35.66; Second Church of Chambersburg, $32.00; Mont Alto Church, $29.65; Loudon Charge, $25.25; Greencastle Charge, $22.79; Grindstonehill Charge, $18.50; McConnellsburg Charge, $12.36; St. Thomas Charge, $3.20; and interest of Jacob Stoudenour legacy, $12.00. Making $480.25.

Zion's Classis.—First Church of York, $215.00; Paradise Charge, $30.00; Kreutz Creek Charge, $23.35; Dillsburg Charge, $22.34; Heidelberg Church of York, $19.86; and Zion's Church of York, $15.60. Making $326.15.

Gettysburg Classis.—Per treasurer of Classis, $150.00.

RECAPITULATION.

Summary of Receipts.

Balance in Treasury at last report, October 10th, 1891	$ 248.00
Received from Maryland Classis	1043.77
" " Juniata Classis	765.51
" " Virginia Classis	709.00
" " Carlisle Classis	572.29
" " Mercersburg Classis	480.25
" " Zion's Classis	326.15
" " Gettysburg Classis	150.00
Total receipts	$4294.97

Summary of Payments.

Paid to beneficiary students of Maryland Classis	$ 1162.50
" " " Juniata Classis	770.00
" " " Virginia Classis	650.00
" " " Carlisle Classis	522.98
" " " Mercersburg Classis	450.00
" " " Zion's Classis	317.80
" " " Gettysburg Classis	175.00
Postage and Stationery	3.19
	$4051.47
Balance in Treasury October 6, 1892	$243.50
	$4294.97

We do hereby certify that we have compared and carefully audited the account of Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, D. D., Treasurer of the Board of Education of the Synod of the Potomac, by vouchers, and have found the same to be correct. The foregoing Synopsis of the Treasurer's Report, together with the Summaries of Receipts and Disbursements, is a faithful statement of the same. We accordingly find the balance in the Treasury to be $243.50 on the 6th instant.

October 6th, 1892.

GEO. W. AUGHINBAUGH.
Z. A. YEAKICK.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF MERCERSBURG COLLEGE.

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College presented their annual report to the Synod, during the session of Wednesday forenoon, which was received and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education. The report is as follows :

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac :—

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College begs leave to present to your reverend body the following annual report :

The Board, at the annual meeting last June, at Mercersburg, organized by the re-election of the officers of the previous year, to wit: Rev. W. M. Deatrick as *President*, Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier as *Secretary*, and E. J. Bonbrake, Esq., as *Treasurer*. An Executive Committee was appointed according to the requirements of the charter, composed of the aforementioned officers of the Board, *ex-officio*, and Rev. W. C. Cremer and Elder S. Hoeflich.

The educational work of the college has been conducted during the past year the same as for ten years previous, by the Rev. Dr. Aughinbaugh, without involving the Board in any expense or debt, according to the directions of the Synod in 1880, at Woodstock, Va. At the opening of the present session in the college, the teaching force was very materially changed, but not deteriorated by said change.

Three young ladies completed the precsribed course of study in the Female Department of the College last June, and were granted diplomas to that effect by the Board. Four young men were fitted to enter the Sophomore Class, and entered other institutions of learning, one of them having been admitted into the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

The Board thankfully acknowledges the reception of $339.29 through the Treasurer of Synod towards the College indebtedness and accrued interest thereon. Since the last meeting of the Synod, between eight and nine hundred dollars of the principal of the debt has been cancelled, and the interest of the debt paid up to last April. An endowment fund has been invested amounting to $625.00.

The Board held an adjourned meeting in Chambersburg, Pa., June 28th and 29th, at which there was a full attendance of the members of the Board, when, after prolonged discussion and prayerful consideration, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted, namely :

In response to the deliverance of the Synod in 1891, on the subject of Education in connection with Mercersburg College, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College would respectfully submit the following :

WHEREAS, the Synod of the Potomac at its annual sessions in Chambersburg, Pa., in October, 1891, made certain requests of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, with regard to the management and course of study in said institution, so as to command the better patronage and influence of the entire Synod, and also to make a better provision for female education within the bounds of the Synod ; and,

WHEREAS, The Synod has also pledged its moral and financial support in any reasonable effort to secure the above end ; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That provision be made to carry students to the end of the Sophomore year in the regular College course.

2. *Resolved*, That provision also be made for Liberal, Literary, Scientific, Normal and Commercial Course.

3. *Resolved*, That a liberal course of studies be provided for young ladies.

4. *Resolved*, That the Preparatory Building and property shall be thoroughly repaired and fitted for a ladies' school.

5. *Resolved*, That the College or Seminary Building be also thoroughly repaired and made comfortable and inviting for the male students.

6. *Resolved*, That both be comfortably heated with modern appliances.

7. *Resolved*, That the necessary apparatus be provided for the different departments, so that more efficient work can be done in the Institution.

8. *Resolved*, That this plan shall be put into operation with the opening of the Fall Term of 1893.

9. *Resolved*, That we ask for the sum of ten thousand dollars to make these necessary improvements, besides what may yet be needed to pay the remaining indebtedness.

10. *Resolved*, That the endowment of thirty thousand dollars, already commenced, be completed as speedily as possible.

11. *Resolved*, That to facilitate the raising of funds, and thus enable our Church to keep abreast with the general spirit of education, we ask the Synod to have in an especial manner the need and importance of this matter laid before all our people, so as to prepare them for more free and favorable responses to the call to be made upon them.

12. *Resolved*, That we respectfully submit the foregoing plan to the Synod for its approval.

13. *Resolved*. That we ask the Synod at its next annual meeting to be held at Martinsburg, W. Va., to direct one evening to be set apart for the consideration of our educational work.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College and by its direction. WM. M. DEATRICK, *President.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Dear Brethren:—As Secretary, the undersigned hereby respectfully presents to your honorable body the annual report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary for the year 1891–1892.

The Seminary was opened in September, 1891, under encouraging auspices. At that time the following young men were enrolled on the list of students as members of the Junior Class: *Charles F. Althouse, Harry N. Bassler, D. Franklin Boomershine, Charles W. Brugh, John W. Buck. George S. Butz, J. Silor Garrison, George Samuel Gill, Louis P. Goerrig, Louis C. Harnish, Ellis S. Hay, John D. Hunsicker, George Kinso Kaneko, Frank L. Kerr, Thomas H. Leinbach, Edwin D. Meixell, Christopher Noss, John W. Reinecke, Charles M. Smith, Otto K. Spessard, D. Snider Stephan, Louis C. Summer* and *J. Grant Walter*, twenty-three in all.

Of this number fourteen are graduates of Franklin and Marshall College; three of Heidelberg College; one of Catawba College; one of Calvin College, and of the remaining two, one had received his preparatory training at Ursinus College, and the other at the State Normal School at Bloomsburg, Pa.

The Middle Class, numbering twenty-two members, consisted of those who constituted the Junior Class as named in our report one year ago, without any changes.

The members of the Senior Class, fifteen in number, having completed the course of study prescribed by the Synod, and having, moreover, sustained a satisfactory examination in the presence of the Board of Visitors, were dismissed at the end of the seminary year, and awarded the usual Testimonials to that effect at the Anniversary of the Seminary in May last. Their names are as follows: *Henry H. Apple, Albert B. Bauman, Atvill Connor, Charles E. Creitz, Daniel G. Hetrick, William Mann Irvine, U. Oliver H. Kershner, Charles E. Schaeffer, Isaac M. Schaeffer, Andrew H. Smith, George B Smith, E. William Stonebraker, Simon U. Waugaman, Gotthold A. Neeff* and *Frederick A. Rupley.*

Of this number seven will be able to officiate both in the German and English languages.

Thus there were sixty students in connection with the Seminary during the year 1891–1892, which shows a considerably larger number in attendance than there was during any previous year in the history of the institution. Such evidences of progress go to indicate that as the wants and necessities of the Church increase the Lord is providing for us a more plentiful supply of ministers of the Gospel to enter vacant fields at home and abroad.

The instructions in Elocution under Prof. Silas S. Neff, Principal of the School of Oratory in Philadelphia, supported by a corps of able assistants, has been satisfactory, and, as it is believed, highly useful to the students. The Board, together with the Faculty, are therefore of the opinion that the present arrangement should be continued for another year, or until a more permanent arrangement can be made for the College and Seminary, to take its place. Should the three Synods so decide, it will devolve on the Synod of the Potomac to pay over to the Treasurer of the Seminary $75.00, the same as last year, to meet the necessary expenses thus incurred.

The Board has the pleasure of informing the Synod that the endowment of a prize essay in Church History was completed during the year by voluntary contributions amounting to $2,000 for this purpose. A distinguished friend of the Seminary proposed to give $1,000 for this object, provided an additional amount of $1,000 should be contributed by other friends of the Seminary. The full amount was made up in Dec., 1891, without any difficulty. Thereupon the Faculty decided that the interest of this fund should be awarded as a prize each year to that member of the Senior Class who, in the judgment of the Faculty, shall have attained to superior excellence in Church History, and written the best essay on any previously assigned topic in Church History in the judgment of the Faculty or of three competent examiners. Said prize shall be called "The Schaff Prize in Church History."

Further, it affords the Board much satisfaction to be able to say that the class of 1892, which completed the regular course of study last spring, offered to establish a prize in Sacred Rhetoric by paying the interest of $500 to the member of the Middle Class who in the opinion of three judges writes the best sermon. "The prize is to be awarded on the ground of Christian truth and the literary finish with which the sermon is prepared." This proposition was accepted, and the thanks of the Board extended to the class.

The Board has endeavored to discharge its duty in its supervision of the Seminary during the past year, and it is happy that it is once more able to report that it is in a prosperous condition. The professors have endeavored, as we believe, to perform their duties in the fear of God as teachers of His word. As it regards the conduct of the students, and their industry in their studies, there is no room for complaint. Satisfactory evidence of their progress was given in their examinations, which were creditable. Generally they are active in Sunday-schools, in missionary societies, in prison visitation, and assisting the pastors in the city churches. During the year there was a large demand, perhaps too much so, for their services from pastors and vacant charges outside of the city of Lancaster. These were rendered as freely as the claims of their regular duties would allow.

In conclusion, we wish to add that the growing prosperity of the Seminary and of our other institutions at Lancaster is most truly a matter which should call forth sincere gratitude to God throughout all our churches. Founded in great weakness yet in faith by the fathers, they are becoming more and more fruitful each year in supplying our vacant congregations and missionary fields with faithful, well-equipped ministers of the Gospel.

LANCASTER, PA., Oct. 10, 1892.

Respectfully submitted,
THEODORE APPEL, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

HARRISBURG, October 10, 1892.

To the Potomac Synod, Reformed Church of United States:

DEAR BRETHREN: I herewith enclose the annual report of J. B. Roth, Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa., and beg leave further to say, that the Board of Trustees held three meetings during the year. One special meeting on the 19th of November, 1891, at the Stevens' House, Lancaster, Pa. This meeting was called for the purpose of meeting the Synodical Committee to devise some plan of action towards securing the necessary funds for the proposed seminary buildings; the Synodical Committee having held their meeting on the 17th, it was impossible to confer with them.

A Resolution was passed to appoint a Committee of Six Members two from each Synod, to confer with the Synodical Committee, and that the Vice-President be one of that committee. The chair appointed the following: Chas. Santee and Geo. W. Hensel, of Eastern Synod; George N. Forney and Israel Laucks, "Potomac;" W. R. Barnhart and W. J. Baer, "Pittsburgh."

Members present at this meeting: G. W. Hensel, J. B. Roth, Israel Laucks, Geo. G. Heilman, J. D. Skyles, Geo. N. Forney and G. L. Freet. Adjourned.

GEO. N. FORNEY, *Secretary pro tem.*

A regular meeting was held on the 12th of May, 1892, in the First Reformed Church of Lancaster, Pa., at which were present: G. W. Hensel, G. Z. Kunkel, J. B. Roth, J. D. Skyles, Chas. Santee, Geo. G. Heilman, Wm. R. Barnhart, J. H. Twitmyer, Israel Laucks, Edgar Slagle, Jacob Heyser, Geo. N. Forney and Peter C. Wiest.

Officers were elected for the ensuing year namely, G. W. Hensel, President; Edgar Slagle, Vice-President; G. Z. Kunkel, Secretary, and J. B. Roth, Treasurer. Executive Committee, Gross, Kunkel, Roth, Hensel and Skiles.

Third meeting was held September 22, 1892, in the First Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa. Present: G. W. Hensel, Edgar Slagle, Geo. N. Forney, J. D. Skiles, Israel Laucks, Chas. Santee, J. B. Roth, Geo. G. Heilman, A. G. Renninger, Josiah Kerns, M. J. Reigel and Jacob Heyser. After some action in regard to Pittsburgh Synod's Professorship, auditing the accounts, etc., Board adjourned.

JACOB HEYSER, *Secretary pro tem.*

Respectfully submitted, GEO. Z. KUNKEL, *Sec'y B. Tr. Theo. Sem'y.*

SYNOPSIS OF THE TREASURER OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Report of JOHN B. ROTH, Treasurer of Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Dr.

	For amount of Endowment Fund, as per account received September 24th, 1891		$82,452 65
1892, May 12.	For amount received of Isaac G. Gerhart, Treasurer of Tohickon Classis	$ 152 00	
" May 25.	For amount received of same	51 00	
" June 23.	For amount received of Jacob Bausman, Treasurer of F. and M. College, as one-third of the proceeds or income of the Wilhelm Estate, to date	535 61	738 61
			$83,191 26

Current Expense Account.

Dr.

1891, Sept. 24.	For balance due Theological Seminary	702 26
1892, Sept. 22.	Sundry income to date	5,252 83
		$5,955 09

Cr.

1892, Sept. 22.	By salary and sundry bills paid per vouchers presented	5,686 29
	Balance due Theological Seminary	$268 80

	Library Fund. Principal is	$1,819 96	
	Dr.		
1891, Sept. 24.	For balance due Library account	30 34	
1892, " 22.	For interests received to October 1, 1892	125 99	
			$156 33
	Cr.		
1892, Sept. 22.	By sundry bills paid to date		30 40
	Balance due Library Fund		$125 93

Aid Fund of Theological Seminary.

Dr.

1891, Oct. 5.	For amount received of E. Slagle, Treasurer of Potomac Synod	$75 00
" Dec. 29.	For amount received of C. H. Boush, Treasurer of Pittsburgh Synod	75 00
" " 29.	For amount received of C. H. Boush, from Zion's Cong., St. Paul's Cl.,	7 47
1892, April 30.	For amount received of D B. Mauger, Treasurer of Goshenhoppen Classis,	9 00
" May 5.	For amount received of Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh. Elocution	1 00
" June 9.	For amount received from Lancaster Classis	7 00
" " 14.	For amount received of Rev. W A. Haas, Treasurer W. Susquehanna Cl.,	51
" July 13.	For amount received from Philadelphia Classis,	3 00
" Aug. 13.	For amount received of Isaac G. Gerhart, Treasurer of Tohickon Classis,	10 00
" " 24.	For amount received of E. Slagle, Treasurer of Potomac Synod	75 00
" Sept. 12.	For amount received of Jacob K. Funck, Treasurer of Lebanon Classis,	14 00
" " 19.	For amount received from Lancaster Classis	7 00
		$ 283 98

Charged to Treasurer and accounted for in current expense account of Theological Seminary.

The William A. Wilt Fund.

1891, Sept. 22.	The amount of Fund is	$ 833 33

Interest on same to date is accounted for current expense account of Sem'y.

Building Fund of Theological Seminary.

1891, Sept. 24.	Principal of Fund reported		$12,883 05
1892, Aug. 31.	For amount received of Rev. John W. Steinmetz, Treasurer of Schuylkill Classis	$12 57	
" " 31.	For amount received of same as a contribution from Rev. George W. Roth	25 00	37 57
			$12,920 62

This fund is not made up entirely of contributions given for building purposes. Some of the obligations stated for "Building," whilst others named "Endowment," and others still, for "Benefit of Theological Seminary." It was credited as such, because then, as now the erection of seminary buildings was prominently before the church.

Pittsburgh Professorship Fund.

1891, Sept. 24.	Principal of Fund is		$2,687 30
1892, " 22.	Interest on $969, to Oct. 1, 1892		48 45
			$2,735 75
	How this Fund is made up:		
	Pittsburgh Prof. notes paid	$1,326 17	
	Bequest of Rev. Abner Dale	100 00	
	Interest allowed and credited to Fund by Seminary Treasurer, to Oct. 1, 1877	292 13	
			$1,718 30
1891, Aug. 19.	Received of Rev. A. E. Truxel	600 00	
" " 28.	" " "	369 00	969 00
			$2,687 30
	Interest on last named sums, $969, to Oct. 1, 1892		48 45
			$2,735 75
	Smaltz Fund account. Principal is		$5,000 00
	Dr.		
1892, Sept. 22.	For interest received on same to Oct. 1, 1892	$400 00	

Cr.

1892,	" 22.	By interest paid Rev. C. G. Fisher, Treas'r of Beneficiary Board	$ 400 00

Prize Essay Fund in Church History.

Dr.

1891, Sept. 24.		Amount of Fund reported		$758 30
		Interest paid by Treasurer to date		25 00
"	Nov. 12.	Received of A. B. Fricker. Reading	25 00	
"	" 23.	Received of Henry Mosser. "	50 00	
"	" 24.	Received of Jas. T. Reber	25 00	
"	Dec. 11.	Received of C. H. Levan. Obligation	116 70	216 70
				$1,000 00
1892, Jan. 8.		Received of Rev. Dr. Philip Schaff		1,000 75
				$2,000 75
		Interest due Fund to Oct. 1, 1892	$ 75 00	

All of which is respectfully presented.

The undersigned, a committee appointed to examine the several accounts of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, report that we find them correct.

EDGAR SLAGLE,
ISRAEL LAUCKS, } *Committee.*

Lancaster, Sept. 22, 1892.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Standing Committee on Education, to whom the foregoing reports had been referred, reported during the session of Saturday afternoon, which was received, considered item by item, amended and adopted as a whole. The report is as follows:

Your Committee on Education begs leave to report, that they had referred to them the Annual Reports of the Board of Education, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, the Board of Visitors, and the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., the tract or booklet of Rev. Prof. J. C. Bowman on the "Needs of the Theological Seminary," and the Catalogue of Franklin and Marshall College for 1891–92.

From these reports your Committee learns that the work of Christian education, during the past Synodical year, has been vigorously prosecuted, with the most encouraging success. All of the institutions are in a prosperous condition. In Franklin and Marshall College proper there were 126 students, in the Academy 74 students, 61 males and 13 females, and 60 students in the Theological Seminary, making a grand total of 260 students—more than in any previous year.

The Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary reports that fifteen of the students have completed their theological course, and have gone out into the work of the ministry, and are doing good work in filling up the ranks of those who fall in the ministry, and of our vacant congregations. The Board of Visitors requests that this Synod provide $75 00 of the salary of the Professor in Elocution in the Seminary.

From the report of the Board of Education we learn that thirty-three beneficiary students have received aid during the past year, and have conducted themselves well, and have made commendable progress in their studies. The receipts of the Board during the fiscal year were $4,294.97. The disbursements were $4,051.47, leaving a balance of $243.50 in the treasury.

From the report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College we learn that the work of the College has been carried on successfully, without involving the Synod in expense. The effort at reducing the debt of the institution has been carried forward to the extent of nearly one thousand dollars, and would

have been more successful, if the policy of our educational work had been fully defined, and all the members of Synod had worked harmoniously to this end.

We recommend the adoption of the following action, to wit:

Resolved, That the tract of Rev. J. C. Bowman on the Needs of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., be commended to the pastors and elders of this Synod, and that they be requested to have it circulated among the congregations of the Synod in such a way as may be deemed best.

Resolved, That this Synod rejoices in the progress of our educational work, and that our pastors be earnestly requested to present the claims of our educational interests in all its departments, so essential to the life and prosperity of our beloved Reformed Zion to their respective congregations.

Resolved, That the request of the Board of Visitors be granted, and the sum of $75.00 be referred to the Committee on Finance to be apportioned upon the several Classes. Respectfully submitted, W. Goodrich, *Chairman.*

The action of the adjourned meeting of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College last June was referred to a special Committee for consideration, consisting of Revs. S. N. Callender, J. S. Kieffer, T. R. Dietz, P. M. Trexler, G. B. Resser, W. C. Schaeffer and Elders S. N. Hench, W. A. Pence and A. Heberlig, with instructions to report at the opening of Monday morning session. At the time designated, the committee presented the following report, which was received and adopted, namely:

Your Committee to which was referred the consideration of the general interests and provisions necessary for the well-being of Mercersburg College, beg leave to report:

That, after hearing a further expression of opinion on the part of persons interested in the wise resolution of the questions relating to this College, your Committee endeavored to consider the whole subject with an earnestness and care which were felt to be due its grave importance. There was but one opinion as to the indispensable importance of suitable provision for the education of the sons and daughters of our church within the bounds of the Synod of the Potomac. We were impressed with the fact that notwithstanding the limitations and embarrassments under which the institution has labored for the last several years, its management has been successful not only in largely abating its disabilities, but at the same time in contributing a service in the maintenance of the cause of Christian education within our bounds, by no means inconsiderable, but at once valuable and thankworthy. It was felt with unbroken unanimity that it would be gravely unwise to abandon, or in any way to impair the vantage ground we now hold in Mercersburg, without any superior or even equal advantages within reach. And yet it was felt that some changes ought to be made to widen the reach and enhance the efficiency of our School.

After a free interchange of views, and a careful balancing of the views submitted to our consideration, your Committee unanimously concluded to recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Committee now in existence, to solicit means for the liquidation of the remaining indebtedness, be instructed to vigorously press forward the work of providing means for the extinguishing of the remaining debt, and also to secure such additional means as may be necessary to put the Seminary Building in a suitable and presentable condition.

Resolved, That one or both of the residences in the Seminary campus, as may be necessary, be utilized for the accommodation of such female students as may be in attendance upon the instructions of the College, as long as they may be needed.

Resolved, That the Board of Regents be advised to sell, if it can legally be done, and upon terms wise and judicious, the Preparatory and adjacent buildings and grounds.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed, whose duty it shall be to make inquiries to ascertain where a suitable location may be found, what inducements and grants, etc., can be secured for the establishment of a Female College, south of Mason's and Dixon's line, with a view of transferring the female department of Mercersburg College to that place. It being clearly recognized by this Synod that the establishment of such an institution is at this time an urgent and keenly felt necessity.

Respectfully submitted,

S. N. CALLENDER, *Chairman.*

Revs. E. R. Eshbach, C. S. Slagle, Elder H. J. Seibert, Gen. John E. Roller and Wilford H. McCardell were appointed the committee called for in the last resolution of the foregoing report.

During the session of Monday afternoon the subject of beneficiary education was referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, T. F. Hoffmeier, and Elder C. A. Shultz, for consideration.

At the evening session, the committee reported as follows, which was received and adopted, to wit:

Your special committee on Beneficiary Education offers the following as its report:

1. That the several Classes be earnestly urged to raise in full the apportionments made for the present Classical year.
2. That all our beneficiary students be placed under the care of the Board.
3. That the Classes hereafter examine the applicants for beneficiary aid that apply to them, and if they be found worthy, recommend them to the Board, and the Board shall determine whether they shall be aided, and to what amount, reserving to the Classes the right to say where the student shall pursue his studies.
4. That the Beneficiary Bond of each student shall be made to and held by the Board.
5. That the Board hold a meeting annually after the meetings of the Classes, at which it shall act upon the applications made, and determine the amount required for the ensuing year, which amount shall be apportioned by the Synod upon the Classes, and paid into the Treasury of the Board as a common fund, from which all the beneficiaries shall alike be paid.
6. That the sum of $4.200.00 be referred to the Committee on Finance for apportionment at the present session of the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HOFFHEINS, *Chairman.*

The committee to collect funds for the liquidation of the debt resting upon Mercersburg College submitted the following report, which was received and adopted, and the committee continued, to wit:

Your Committee, appointed to collect money for the payment of the debt resting on Mercersburg College and increase its efficiency, would report that we have made special efforts in only three congregations during the Synodical year, and have received in cash $317.26, which has been paid over to the Treasurer of the College.

Had we made a canvass of the charges of the Synod, which we might have

done (could we have secured the permission of the pastors), we would no doubt have secured the funds for the payment of the whole debt, and probably more. But as the Synod, at its last annual meeting, requested the Board of Regents to arrange a course of study, and prepare such further improvements, in order that the wants of the Church would be more fully met, we waited for its action, which was delayed until a little more than three months ago, when it was again made subject to the approval of this meeting of the Synod. We feel assured that should the Synod come to such conclusion as will meet the wants of the Church, and will have the hearty support of pastors and people, that we will be able to commence our work at once, and bring you a very favorable report by the end of this coming year, not only of the debt being cancelled, but also many of the improvements made and paid for.

Respectfully submitted, C. U. HEILMAN, *Chairman.*

Rev. J. D. Miller was appointed on the committee from Carlisle Classis in place of Rev. W. I. Stewart removed from the Classis.

The committee on the Seminary Professorship Endowment submitted the following report, which was received and adopted, and the committee continued.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on the Seminary Professorship Endowment begs leave to report, that during the year a few of the still delinquent subscribers have made good their pledges. There still remain however, a few such pledges in small amounts outstanding. In view of this fact the Committee would suggest that Synod urge upon these delinquents full and prompt settlements of the claims made upon them, that the account may be closed during the present Synodical year. Respectfully submitted, J. A. HOFFHEINS, *Chairman.*

In the same connection, the following report was presented to Synod, and adopted, namely:

To the Potomac Synod:

The Synod having failed to appoint a committee at its last annual sessions to examine and count the securities held by its Treasurer on account of the Theological Professorship Endowment, and the Treasurer having requested the old committee to make the examination, the following report is offered:

The securities and cash in the hands of the Treasurer, Edgar Slagle, on September 30, 1892, were as follows:

Real Estate Mortgages and Railroad Bonds	$35,157 54
Cash in Bank	418 40
Paid for Premiums on Bonds	535 00
Amounting to	$36,110 94
Amount of last annual report	$35,949 19
Increase during the past year	161 75
The committee also reports that the Treasurer holds on account of the Fellowship in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., the sum of	1,100 00
Interest accrued on the same	80 92
Amounting to	$1,180 92

Respectfully submitted, U. HENRY HEILMAN.

EMMITSBURG, MD., *Oct.* 10, 1892.

The committee, appointed a year ago, to act in conjunction with similar committees of the Eastern and Pittsburgh Synod, in selecting a site for the contemplated Seminary Building at Lancaster, Pa.,&c., reported progress, and was continued, the Synod withdrawing its restrictions of last year in regard to the plans of said building being submitted in advance to this Synod.

The following report was received from the joint committee of the three Synods appointed a year ago to secure joint ownership and control of the Theological Seminary and Franklin and Marshall College at Lancaster, Pa., on a just and equitable basis.

REPORT ON JOINT OWNERSHIP OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE.

To the Eastern, Pittsburgh and Potomac Synods:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—The joint committee of the Eastern, Pittsburgh and Potomac Synods, charged with the work of formulating a plan according to which such changes in the Charters of the Theological Seminary and Franklin and Marshall College at Lancaster, Pa., may be made, as shall give to these three Synods the joint ownership and management of said Institutions, beg leave to offer the following report:

Two meetings of the Committee were held.

1st. A preliminary meeting in Salem Reformed Church, Harrisburg, Pa., October 23d, 1891, at 5 o'clock, P. M., at which the following members were present, viz.: From the Eastern Synod, Revs. E. N. Kremer, T. O. Stem and Elder John W. Bickel; from the Pittsburgh Synod, none; and from the Synod of the Potomac, Revs. C. Clever, D.D., C. Cort and Thos. J. Barkley. Rev. C. Clever, D D., was chosen president *pro tem.*, and Rev. T. O. Stem, secretary *pro tem.* After some conference, it was resolved that the committee adjourn to meet in the College building at Lancaster, Pa., on Monday of Commencement week, June 13th, 1892, at 3 o'clock, P. M., and that the Secretary *pro tem.* notify all the members of the Committee of this action at least four weeks prior to the time of meeting.

2d. The second meeting was held at Lancaster, Pa.. as per adjournment of the preliminary meeting, June 13th, 1892, and the two following days, the committee adjourning from time to time until the work was completed; some of the sessions being held in the College building, and others in the lecture-room of the First Reformed Church. The following members were present at this meeting. viz.: From the Eastern Synod, Rev. S. G. Wagner and Elder D. S. Keller; from Pittsburgh Synod, Revs. Wm. Rupp, D.D., D. B. Lady and C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D.; from the Synod of the Potomac, Revs. S. Clever, D.D., C. Cort, D.D. and Thos. J. Barkley. The committee organized by the election of Rev. S. G. Wagner, D.D., Chairman, and Rev. D. B. Lady, Secretary.

The business with which the Committee was charged was carefully considered, both at its sessions and by means of correspondence. The results of the Committee's deliberations are embodied in the following resolutions, which are recommended to each of the three Synods represented for adoption:

1*st*. *Franklin and Marshall College.*

Resolved, 1*st*. That the ownership of the property of Franklin and Marshall College at Lancaster, Pa., and the management of the Institution be vested, as heretofore, in a Board of Trustees consisting of thirty persons, to be held in trust for the Eastern Synod, the Pittsburgh Synod and the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States, and to be carried forward

in their interest; and that the charter of the College be so changed as to give to the Eastern Synod the right of electing twelve, the Pittsburgh Synod three, and the Synod of the Potomac six members of the Board of Trustees, the remaining nine members to be chosen by the Board itself; the term of office of said Trustees to be, as heretofore, ten years.

2*d*. *The Theological Seminary.*

Resolved, 2*d*. That the ownership of the property of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States at Lancaster, Pa., be vested in a Board of Trustees consisting of eighteen laymen, to be held in trust for the Eastern Synod, the Pittsburgh Synod and the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States, to be managed by them in the interest of these three Synods; and that the charter be so changed as to give the Eastern Synod the right of electing nine, the Pittsburgh Synod three, and the Synod of the Potomac six of such Trustees; the full term of service of such Trustees to be six years, but of those first chosen by each Synod under this arrangement, the term of one-third shall be only four years and one third only two years.

Resolved, 3*d*. That there be, as heretofore, a Board of Visitors consisting of twelve ministers six of whom shall be elected by the Eastern Synod, two by the Pittsburgh Synod, and four by the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States, who shall perform the duties of said Board as designated by the three Synods interested, and as set forth in the articles of incorporation; the full term of service of said visitors shall be four years, but of those first chosen by each Synod under this arrangement, the term of one-half shall be only two years.

Resolved, 4*th*. That vacancies occurring from time to time in the three Professorships existing prior to the year 1890, shall be filled by the Eastern Synod, subject to the approval of the other two Synods. Professorships endowed since the year 1890 by any particular Synod shall be filled by such Synod, subject in like manner to the approval of the other Synods; in the case of the trial and discipline of Professors of Theology, as provided for in the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States, the authority and action of the Synod having control of any particular professorship shall be final as regards the case of the incumbent of such chair.

In case any Synod or Synods refuse to approve the election of a professor of theology, a committee of conference, consisting of three members from each Synod, shall be appointed, who, after carefully considering the case, shall report their recommendations to the Synods represented for their action; but no election of a professor of theology shall be final until the approbation of all the Synods controlling the Seminary has been obtained.

Resolved, 5*th*. That all endowment funds of the Seminary be held by the Treasurer of the Corporation, but that the account of each of such funds be kept separate and distinct from all other funds, and that the income thereof be applied to the particular purpose for which it was created; should any Synod at any time withdraw from this compact, the particular endowment fund or funds raised by such withdrawing Synod shall be returned to it.

The officers of the joint committee, with Elder D. S. Keller, were appointed a committee to revise the report and present it in due form to the three Synods at their approaching annual meetings. It is the opinion of this sub-committee that it will devolve on the Eastern Synod, in case the recommendations made by the committee are adopted by the Synods, to secure such changes in the charters of the two Institutions involved as will give effect to the legislation enacted.

Respectfully submitted, S. G. Wagner, *President.*
D. B. Lady, *Secretary.*

The special committee, appointed last year, as stated in item 7 of the Report on Minutes of Synod, submitted its report, which was received, amended, and then adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO CONFER WITH THE AUTHORITIES OF THE CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA AND THE TRUSTEES OF CATAWBA COLLEGE, IN REGARD TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THEOLOGICAL INSTRUCTION IN CONNECTION WITH THAT INSTITUTION.

The Committee appointed at the meeting of the Synod of the Potomac held at Chambersburg, in October, 1891, for the purpose of conferring with the Classis of North Carolina and the Trustees of Catawba College, in regard to the matter of establishing (as had been proposed and requested by said Classis and Trustees) a Theological Department in connection with Catawba College, at Newton, N. C., would respectfully present the following report:

The Committee proceeded at as early a date as practicable after the adjournment of Synod, to perform the duty which the Synod had imposed upon it. Having received word that a special meeting of the Classis of North Carolina had been appointed to be held at Newton, on Tuesday, November 17th, at 2 o'clock, P.M., the members of the Committee presented themselves there at that hour, and were kindly welcomed by the members of the North Carolina Classis there assembled, constituting a majority of the members of that body, and including, as we understood, a majority, also of the Trustees of Catawba College. To these brethren the Committee extended the salutations of this Synod, and reported the action of the Synod in regard to their request, viz., that the Synod had recognized the reasonableness of the request; had expressed its willingness to co-operate with the Classis and the Board of Trustees in the matter of organizing theological instruction, should that be found practicable in connection with Catawba College; and had appointed us as a committee to visit them for the purpose of ascertaining their wishes more definitely and making report as to what should seem wise and proper in the circumstances.

In the conversation and discussion which followed, there seemed to be entire unanimity of opinion as regards, not merely the advisability, but the absolute necessity for the preservation of our foothold as a Church in North Carolina, of making provision for the imparting of theological instruction within the bounds of the North Carolina Classis. The beginning, it was conceded, would of necessity be a humble one; a single professor at first who might be assisted to some extent by those professors in the College who are ministers of the Reformed Church. With such apparatus it was thought that it would be possible to give their young men seeking to prepare themselves for the ministry, not such theological training, indeed, as is furnished by our older Seminaries, but such instruction as regards the Bible and the way to use it, with outlines of Church History and Dogmatic and Pastoral Theology, as might, for the time being, meet the wants of the case. Having such general plan in view, three resolutions were eventually presented by a member of the Classis, the first of which expressing the earnest desire of the Classis for the establishment of theological instruction in connection with Catawba College, pledged the Classis, in case of the establishment of a theological professorship, to contribute the sum of two hundred dollars annually towards the support of said professor; while the second, having reference to a movement for the endowment of the professorship, signified the willingness of the Classis to raise $5,000 towards the endowment of it provided the Synod should raise $10,000. These two resolutions were adopted. The third resolution was to the effect that the Professor of Theology was to be elected by a vote of two-thirds of the Trustees of Catawba

College, the election to be confirmed by the Synod of the Potomac. This was felt by members of the Classis to be necessary, because of the charter of the College which requires that all its Professors shall be so elected. The Committee of Synod, however, stated that such an arrangement would not be possible, because by the constitution of the Church, the interest of theological instruction is committed entirely to the Synod, theological professors being amenable to the Synod and eligible only by it; on which account the Synod would not be able to concede the election of such professors by another body. The Committee explained, also, that such Professor, if elected, would not be properly speaking, a Professor of Catawba College, but that the organization of theological instruction in connection with that institution would be, in effect, the beginning of a new institution,—an incipient Theological Seminary, which, it was intended, should find lodging, for the time being, within the bosom of the College, and, if possible, some assistance from its Professors, until, in the course of time, if God's blessing should rest upon the movement, it should come to have an independent existence with proper accommodations and resources of its own. There would thus be no violation of the charter of the College, since it was not proposed to elect a member of its Faculty; the question being simply one on the part of the Synod, of seeking to provide for the welfare of its Churches in that quarter by organizing theological instruction, and, on the part of the Classis and the College, of favoring and assisting to the best of their ability such effort.

It not being possible at that time to arrive at agreement in regard to this question, or at least the members of Classis present feeling the need of further and more careful deliberation, it was finally moved and carried to lay the whole matter on the table until the next regular meeting of the Classis. Thus the errand of the Committee came to an end without any conclusion being reached at that time.

We have been informed, however, that the question was duly considered and acted upon at the next following stated meeting of the Classis of North Carolina; and that it was then nearly unanimously resolved by the Classis to request the Synod of the Potomac to organize theological instruction in connection with Catawba College in such manner as may be required by the Constitution of the Church.

Such are the facts in the case. As the result of their visit and conference, the Committee would report that in their judgment the Synod was right, one year ago in expressing its sense of the reasonableness of the request of the Classis of North Carolina to have theological instruction established within its bounds. To do this seems feasible; the more so because of the flourishing institution of learning already existing there. It seems, also, a necessity, if our Churches in that region are to thrive and prosper. The distance and the expense are too great for candidates for the ministry from the Churches in that region to be educated at the Theological Seminaries of the North. It is justly complained of that of the young men whom they do send to the North to be educated, some fail to return. There seems to be here a legitimate want to be supplied, as also an opportunity for the beginning and carrying forward of a beneficent work by this Synod.

The Committee, therefore, in order that a beginning may be made, recommend the adoption of the following action:

Resolved, That this Synod undertake the work of establishing and supporting theological instruction in connection with Catawba College, at Newton, N. C.

Resolved, That the Synod pledges the sum of one thousand dollars for the support of a Professor of Theology, to be paid annually for five years, less the amount which may accrue from any endowment fund that may be gathered.

Resolved, That steps be taken at once to secure a permanent endowment of

twenty-five thousand dollars, that a committee of three be appointed to mature plans for raising this fund, and that the committee report to the next meeting of Synod.

Resolved, That the sum of one thousand dollars be apportioned among the Classes, and that so soon as that amount shall have been secured, the Synod proceed to elect a Theological Professor to have charge (with such assistance as may be possible from said institution) of the work of such instruction.

Respectfully submitted, J. SPANGLER KIEFFER, *Chairman.*

The Committee called for in the third resolution consists of Revs. C. U. Heilman, W. C. Schaeffer and Elder G. L. Freet.

Revs. S. N. Callender, A. H. Kremer, E. R. Eschbach and J. G. Noss were nominated as members of the Board of Visitors, and Elders Edgar Slagle, S. Nevin Hench, George N. Forney, Israel Laucks, Jacob Heyser and H. Wirt Shriver as members of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, Pa., from this Synod for election by the Eastern Synod, for the term of one year.

At the election for members of the several Boards of the Synod, held during the session of Saturday forenoon, Revs. W. M. Deatrick, J. W. Santee, and W. Goodrich were elected members of the Board of Education, for the term of three years; and Rev. W. C. Cremer, Elder A. R. Schnebly and Rev. J. B. Shontz were chosen members of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, for the period of three years.

The following persons constitute the Board of Education, and the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, at the present time, namely:

BOARD OF EDUCATION: Revs. W. M. Deatrick, J. W. Santee and W. Goodrich, for three years; Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, T. F. Hoffmeier and J. A. Hoffheins, for two years; and Revs. W. C. Cremer, J. D. Miller and T. J. Barkley, for one year.

BOARD OF REGENTS: Revs. W. C. Cremer, Elder A. R. Schnebly and Rev. J. B. Shontz, for three years; E. J. Bonbrake, Esq., Rev. C. U. Heilman and Elder S. Hoeflich, for two years; and Revs. W. M. Deatrick, T. F. Hoffmeier and E. R. Eschbach, for one year.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

The Annual Reports of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions and of the Treasurer of said Board, and the Report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were severally referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for consideration. The Committee presented its report during the session of Saturday forenoon, which was received, considered item by item, amended, and then adopted as a whole. As such, it will be found subjoined in its proper place. The several Reports are as follows:

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS FOR 1891–92.

To the Reverend Eastern Synod and the Reverend Potomac Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: The Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, representing the Eastern and the Potomac Synods, present their

report for the year ending October, 1892. The Board having held two special meetings during the year, and circumstances making it difficult to secure a quorum for an annual meeting at the usual time, this report has been prepared and adopted by the Executive Council.

The Synods will notice that this report differs from those of former years, lacking their details and statistics and giving only a general view of the work. This is owing to the fact that the yearly report of General Synod's Board now in a large measure takes the place of our report, with all necessary details and statistics.

The most important act of the Board during the year was the transfer of all our missions to the management and control of the General Board, in accordance with the action of your reverend bodies a year ago. Your Board met the Executive Committee of the General Board in Altoona, Pa., in January, 1892, and in joint conference with them agreed upon the details of transfer which are as follows:—

1.) The transfer to take effect April 1, 1892.

2.) All missions outside the bounds of the Eastern and Potomac Synods to be transferred absolutely, this Board retaining all pecuniary claims that we hold against said missions.

3.) The missions within the bounds of the Eastern and the Potomac Synods shall report to Superintendent Whitmer, who shall transmit these reports with his recommendations to the General Board through the General Superintendent.

4.) Money for home missions raised by apportionment on the Classes within the bounds of the Eastern and the Potomac Synods shall be sent to Treasurer Seibert, who shall make monthly remittances to Treasurer Santee.

5.) This Board shall hold its legacies and trust funds, and shall control the use of its Church-building Funds.

6.) The Eastern and the Potomac Synods shall nominate the Superintendent of their own territory, said nomination to be referred for election to the General Synod or to the General Board as the case may require.

7.) This Board and Executive Council shall meet as heretofore.

8.) Superintendent Shuey to be retained until October 1, 1892, the General Board fulfilling our financial obligations to him.

9.) The General Board is requested to send a representative to the annual meetings of this Board.

10.) The Bi-Synodic Department of the *Missionary Guardian* to be discontinued.

11.) The General Board shall fulfill our obligation to the German Board of the East for $150 a year until October 1, 1892.

After a brief discussion and explanation these details were unanimously adopted. The formal transfer was made at a meeting of the two Boards, in Lancaster, Pa., April, 1892; and therefore while your Board continues to have the oversight and care of the missions within your bounds, we have only advisory power in their management.

We rejoice to say that our work is in good condition. Three missions have become self-supporting, namely: Bangor, Pa.; Stafford, Ore.; and Williamsport, Pa. The following missions have been enrolled during the year: Royersford, Pa.; Tower City, Pa.; Memorial Church, Allentown, Pa.; Northeast Baltimore, Md.; West Rowan, N. C; Harrisville, Va.; Albino, Ore.; and St. Thomas, Reading, Pa. (Seattle, Wash., was only re-enrolled.) The following missions were enrolled by request of the General Board: Franklinville, Bethel and Messiah missions, Philadelphia, Pa.; Phœnixville, Prospectville and Scranton, Pa. Accordingly the roll at present numbers 37 missions, only one of which is now vacant.

As our missionary year began October 1, and as the missionary year of the General Board begins April 1, it has been found necessary to allow the appropriations of the present year to continue to April 1, 1893.

The reverend Synods will be pleased to hear that the Board has now on record twenty Church-buildiug Funds, six of which have been received during the year; but we regret to add that less than $1500 have come into our treasury on the apportionment for this part of our work.

As your Board must have money for this work, we again ask that the same apportionment as last year be sent down to the Classes, namely: $2500 by the Eastern Synod and $1500 by the Potomac Synod.

We gratefully report the gift of $1000 from Mrs. Louisa F. Wirt, of Hanover, Pa., being amount of legacy of Elder Henry Wirt, to this Board, but awarded by the Court to Mrs. Wirt owing to a defect in the will. In this gift Mrs. Wirt sacredly carries out his intent.

As the apportionment for the coming year will be asked by the General Board, we need only urge the full payment of what is assumed; and this we most earnestly and affectionately do, not only because so many new missions within your own bounds have lately been enrolled, but also for the sake of other new and important fields that should have early enrollment—to say nothing of a great and growing work within the bounds of other Synods toward whose support much help must come from the East.

It pains us to report the death of Elder William H. Seibert, the treasurer of this Board from its organization; and we desire here to record our high appreciation for his long and faithful service in the Board, especially as its patient and painstaking treasurer. The Eastern Synod will please note this vacancy in its representation; and both Synods will please note that Elder John J. Nissley, of Hummelstown, Pa., has been elected treasurer of the Board.

Herewith we transmit the report of the treasurer, duly audited, calling your attention to the small amounts received as compared with the large apportionments assumed. Brethren come to our help, that your work may be fully done.

Many things might profitably be added to this report, but even then much would be left unsaid. We humbly lay our work upon the altar of the Lord, praying for acceptance in His name.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB O. MILLER, *President of the Board.*
ELLIS N. KREMER, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States:

Having been appointed to fill the unexpired term of your late Treasurer, Elder Wm. H. Seibert, I herewith present the report of the finances of the Board for the year ending Sept. 26, 1892:

For Missions.

Sept. 22, 1891. To balance in the trea'y	$2,526 49	
Received from the Classes of the Eastern Synod.		
Philadelphia	$541 17	
Tohickon	1,114 75	
Goshenhoppen	1,398 76	
East Pennsylvania	560 00	
Lebanon	455 74	
Schuylkill	1,852 75	
Lancaster	797 70	
East Susquehanna	910 27	
West Susquehanna	449 22	
Lehigh	1,349 08	
Wyoming	200 00	
		$9,629 44
Received from the Classes of the Potomac Synod.		
Maryland	1,286 16	
Mercersburg	537 98	
Juniata	949 71	
Carlisle	514 19	
Zion's	521 23	
Gettysburg	218 00	

Virginia	38 70	
North Carolina	145 00	
Portland-Oregon	50 20	
		$4,261 17

From Miscellaneous Sources.

Interest on Spangler legacy,	43 75	
W. M. S. of Eastern Synod for Steelton	300 00	
Interest on Gerhart legacy,	6 00	
Interest on the Fremell loan,	143 00	
" " Hutchi son loan,	114 00	
Rev. D. B. Shuey, Emporia, Kansas	10 00	
Iola Kansas Mission per Rev. W. E. Shaley	5 00	
Interest on Seidel loan . . .	150 00	
" " Grove " . .	120 00	
" " loan to the Mission Abilene, Kansas	90 00	
Rent of Church at Sioux City, Iowa	19 00	
Part of Editorial Salary, *Missionary Herald*, 1890 . .	42 75	
Interest on the Kunkel loan,	120 00	
Rev. A. S. Dechant. Amount overpaid returned . . .	37 50	
		$1,201 00
From the Henry Wirt Fund, . . .		$1,000 00

Received for work other than that of the Board.

For Hungarian Missions,		
Schuylkill Classis	132 00	
Tohickon "	81 00	
Lehigh "	91 00	
Goshenhoppen Classis	172 61	
East Pennsylvania "	49 00	
West Susquehanna "	19 75	
East Susquehanna "	27 80	
Maryland "	36 94	
" Classis for Harbor Mis.,	35 44	
East Pennsylvania Classis for Rev. S. U. Mitman . .	280 00	
Schuylkill Classis for Rev. T. I. Bower	200 00	
Lehigh Classis for Revs. A. P. Horn & M. H. Dieffenderfer,	262 50	
West Susquehanna Classis for Rev. S. Kuhn	150 00	
Schuylkill Classis for Rev. H. Y. Stoner	500 00	
		$2,038 04
		$20,656 14

Disbursements.

Orders paid during the year,	$10,570 09	
Paid to the General Board,	5,974 30	
		$16,544 39
Paid as directed by various Classes, for Hungarian Mis.,	443 16	
For the support of certain ministers	1,392 50	
		$1,835 66
Paid salaries of Treasurer and Secretary	150 00	
Paid traveling expenses of Supt. and Board, postage, stationery, &c.	375 13	
		525 13
Sept. 26. Balance in the Treasury, .		1,750 96
		$20,656 14

For Church Building.

Sept. 22, 1891. Balance in the Trea'y $1,642 53

Received on Apportionments.

Schuylkill Classis	330 00	
West Susquehanna Classis .	49 50	
East Susquehanna " . .	67 95	
Lancaster " . .	118 85	
East Pennsylvania " . .	121 00	
Tohickon " . .	170 22	
Goshenhoppen " . .	230 00	
Zion's " . .	39 68	
Carlisle " . .	73 50	
Juniata " . .	186 24	
		$1,386 94

From Miscellaneous Sources.

Part of loan paid by Second Church Harrisburg . . .	$ 84 00	
Christ'n Cheer Soc'y, York, Pa.	25 00	
Mrs. F. P. Herr, Ridgely, Md.	10 00	
Interest on Synod's bond . .	4 00	
In'st on loan to Maryland Cl.,	16 50	
		$139 50

For Use Designated.

Johnstown, Pa.	1 00	
Trinity Church, Altoona, Pa.,	20 00	
For Church at Roanoke, Va.	113 50	
For Church-extension . . .	34 90	
		$169 40

Church Building Funds.

Tohickon Classis Fund . .	195 17	
W. M. S. of E. Penna. Cl. Fd.,	140 00	
Santee Fund, repaid	150 00	
Joseph Keely Fund	500 00	
Irene May Thatcher Fund .	500 00	
Benjamin Riegel " .	500 00	
Rebecca Loudon " .	500 00	$2,485 17
		$5,823 54

Disbursements for Church Building

Aid to Kansas City, Mo., Mis.,	400 00	
Loan to Ch. at New Castle, Pa.	100 00	
Pledge to St. Luke's Mission, Lancaster, Pa.	50 00	
Trinity Church, Altoona, Pa.	20 00	
Loan to 2nd Church, Harrisburg, Pa.	261 80	
Insurance on Church, Sioux City, Iowa	84 00	
Loan to Ch. at Lexington, N.C.	200 00	
" " " Wichita, Kans.,	1500 00	
Church Extension in Balt. Md.	20 36	
		$2,636 16
Sept. 26, 1892. Balance in Treasury,		3,187 38
		$5,823 54

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer pro tem.*

We, the undersigned auditors, appointed to audit the accounts of the late Wm. H. Seibert, Treasurer, report that we have examined his accounts, compared

the vouchers, and find them correct, as stated, and a balance in his hands of $1,750.96 in the general fund, and $3,187.38 in church building account.

ELLIS N. KREMER, } *Committee.*
JNO. J. NISSLEY, }

Hummelstown, Pa., Sept. 30, 1892.

Above Balance Itemized.

Johnstown, Pa.	$ 1 00
Tohickon Classis, Church Building Fund	431 93
Church Extension, Baltimore, Md.	34 53
Roanoke, Va.	113 50
W. M. S. of East Pennsylvania Classis Fund	140 00
Chas. Santee Church-Building Fund. Repaid	300 00
Hanover Fund No. 2. Repaid	100 00
Wm. A. Wilt Fund	666 67
W. M. S. of Philadelphia Classis Fund	199 75
Balance Catharine Deitz Fund	100 00
Benjamin Riegel Church-Building Fund	500 00
Rebecca Louden Church-Building Fund	500 00
W. M. S. of Schuylkill Classis Fund. Repaid	100 00
	$3,187 38

REPORT OF BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To the Synod of the Potomac:

Reverend and Dear Brethren.—In the absence of a formal authorized report by the Board, which will be in full presented to the General Synod next Spring, I beg leave to present to your Reverend Body a very general statement of the present condition and outlook of our missionary work in Japan.

It is with profound gratitude to God, that I am able to say, that our work in Sendai is moving forward with indeed unexpected success. Ever since the establishment of our institutions for the raising up of a native ministry, our work has been largely preparative, it requiring several years before the students could be conducted through the necessary educational course. This summer the first class completed its course, and henceforth we may expect annual reinforcements to our band of native evangelistic workers. The Training School had had a body of some 35 to 40 students up until the completion of our new Seminary Building. Since the occupancy of this new building during the last scholastic year, the number of students has increased at a surprising rate, till it reached its maximum number of 119. Thirty-eight of these are candidates for the Christian ministry. Of the whole number 61 are Christians. This unlooked for increase in the number of students forced the Board, even without the necessary funds in sight, in faith, to send out another missionary teacher, to relieve our greatly overburdened missionaries Hoy and Schneder, in the person of Rev. Henry K. Miller, who is now on his way to San Francisco, Cal., whence he expects to sail for Japan on the 27th inst. With these three fully equipped American teachers, in whose hands will be the branches which relate both directly and more remotely to our holy Christianity, aided by several native teachers of the secular branches, the Board believes the force of teachers will be sufficiently strong for the present wants of our school.

We have not had so large an increase of students in the Girls' School, the number being as per last report, 43. A considerable inflow of new scholars is expected during the coming term. Since Miss Hollowell has been added, the teaching force is considered adequate to the present wants of the school.

During the last several years the labors of our mission have, as already said, been largely devoted to the preparatory work of raising up a force of native evangelistic workers. As a consequence, evangelistic work proper has received only partial attention, Bro. Moore being the only one to whom this depart-

ment was committed, Bros. Hoy and Schneder rendering such help on Saturdays and Sundays as their oppressive labors as teachers in the Training School permitted. Now, however, that workers are coming out of our school, the grand aim of our work, viz., to win souls to Christ, is expected to go forward with new and growing activity. It is very clear then, that with increased activity and more widely extended labor in this department, it will become necessary in the near future to reinforce this branch of work by sending out one or two additional American evangelists, to labor in and supervise this department, manned as it largely will be, by those who in reality are but babes in Christ themselves.

Thus with the blessing of God's Spirit is our work and field of service rapidly growing in our hands. The anxious question, now more than ever before, is coming to oppress us, "Will the home Church sufficiently respond to this clear and loud call of God?" He has graciously blessed us in our day of small things, will we now with growing and brightening opportunities, rise to our opportunities and go forward under the leadership of Him who has promised to be with us always unto the end of the world?

Dear Brethren in the Lord, the Board appeals to you in the Saviour's precious name, to adopt such measures as will serve to so quicken the zeal of our Ministers and Members, as will enable it to press forward in the winning of souls, and in the upbuilding of Christ's Kingdom even to the end of the earth.

Your brother in Christ, S. N. CALLENDER,
Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Missions begs leave to report as follows: The following communications were placed in our hands, viz. The Report of the Bi-Synodic Board, and that of the Treasurer of the same Board, the Report of the Secretary of the Foreign Board, the Report of the Board of the General Synod, and a communication of Rev. J. G. Schmid, and one also from Rev. J. Muellhaupt.

From the Report of the Bi-Synodic Board, we gather the following facts, namely, that the transfer of our missions to the General Board has been fully made; that three missions have become self-supporting; that quite a number of new ones have been enrolled; that the funds have been increased by the gift of a legacy of $1,000 from Mrs. Louisa F. Wirt, of Hanover, Pa., and that six Church-building Funds have been received, during the year. The Committee recommends the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That Synod rejoices in this prosperous condition of the work, and commends it anew to the consideration of the Classes, pastors, and congregations.

Resolved, That the sum of eight thousand dollars recommended by the General Board for the cause of Home Missions, be assumed and apportioned among the respective Classes.

Resolved, That the Classes be requested to order collections to be lifted in their congregations for Church Building purposes.

Resolved, That the Synod does not see its way clear to comply with the request of the General Board by assuming the additional sum of five cents per member for Church Building, but that the Treasurer of the Bi-Synodic Board be instructed to pay over to the Treasurer of the General Board one-half of the collections just ordered by Synod.

Resolved, That the Synod assumes the sum of five hundred dollars for Hungarian Missions, and that the amount be apportioned among the Classes.

As to the appeal for aid in behalf of the Astoria Mission, Oregon, the committee learned that the necessary aid has already been granted by the Bi-Synodic Board.

As to the communication from the Rev. J. Muellhaupt with reference to Stockton, California, it is recommended that the matter be referred to the General Board.

In regard to the Foreign Work, the committee recommends the adoption of the following action:

Resolved, That we rejoice in the prosperous condition of our work in Japan, and in the loud call for increased activity in it, as presented to us in the report of the Secretary of the Board.

Resolved, That this cause be again most urgently recommended to the Classes, and that the plan of interesting the Sunday-schools in this great cause, by supporting the missionary, Rev. Henry K. Miller, be approved by the Synod, and that the pastors and consistories be urged to aid the Secretary of the Board in his endeavors to make this plan effective. Respectfully submitted,

F. A. Rupley, *Chairman.*

The Synod adopted the following resolution in response to the request of the delegates from the Portland-Oregon Classis to be excused for their failure to attend the present sessions of the Synod.

Resolved, That the Synod expresses its regret, that circumstances prevented the attendance of the delegates from Portland-Oregon Classis upon its present sessions.

At the election held for members of the several Boards of Synod, Revs. E. R. Eschbach and J. A. Hoffheins, were elected members of the Synod's Board of Missions for the period of four years, and Rev. J. W. Pontius for three years.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Revs. E. R. Eschbach and J. A. Hoffheins, for four years; Rev. J. W. Pontius, for three years; Revs. J. O. Miller and C. Clever, for two years; and Revs. T. J. Barkley and J. C. Bowman, for one year.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod for the past year was presented to the Synod, read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for the purpose of being audited. The report is as follows:

Edgar Slagle, *Treasurer, in account with the Synod of the Potomac for the year ending October 8th, 1892.*

Dr.

Received.

From J. A. Hoffheins, D. D., for amount overpaid him expenses attending meeting of Conference Com. on Theological Seminary Building, . .		$ 24 34
From Zion's Classis for Contingent Fund General Synod, ...	$ 56 00	
" " " Contingent Fund, ...	91 71	
" " " Mercersburg College, ...	10 98	
" " " Theological Seminary, ...	1 40	
" " " Harbor Missions, ...	10 65	
" " " Hungarian Missions, ...	9 26	
" " " Wichita College, ...	240 63	
" " " Church Extension in Baltimore, ...	9 29—	429 92

From Maryland Classis for Contingent Fund,	$128 00	
" " " Theological Seminary,	32 00	
" " " Mercersburg College,	41 00	
" " " For Mercersburg College Debt,	97 50	
" " " Wichita College,	2 35—	300 85
" Mercersburg Classis for Contingent Fund,	60 00	
" " " Church Extension in Baltimore,	60 00	
" " " Hungarian Missions,	41 00	
" " " Mercersburg College,	43 00	
" " " Theological Seminary,	11 00—	215 00
" Virginia Classis for Contingent Fund,	33 00	
" " " Contingent Fund General Synod,	40 00	
" " " Theological Seminary,	5 00—	78 00
" Gettysburg Classis for Contingent Fund,	60 00	
" " " Home Missions,	33 00	
" " " Hungarian Missions,	107 00	
" " " Harbor Missions,	110 00	
" " " Theological Seminary,	24 00	
" " " Mercersburg College,	58 00	
" " " Church Building Fund,	107 00	
" " " Church Extension in Baltimore,	75 00—	574 00
" Carlisle Classis for Contingent Fund,	133 57	
" " " Contingent Fund General Synod,	43 71	
" " " Theological Seminary,	5 55	
" " " Harbor Missions,	13 46	
" " " Hungarian Missions,	7 24	
" " " Mercersburg College,	21 81	
" " " Wichita College,	30 00—	255 34
" Juniata Classis for Contingent Fund,	77 00	
" " " Mercersburg College,	67 00	
" " " Theological Seminary,	26 00	
" " " Harbor Missions,	55 00	
" " " Hungarian Missions,	35 66—	260 66
" North Carolina Classis for Contingent Fund,	30 00	
" " " " " Contingent Fund General Synod,	20 00	
" " " " " Harbor Missions,	10 00—	60 00
Balance in hands of Treasurer October 13th, 1891,		1.041 24
		$3,239 35

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Expenditures.

1891.		
October 16.	Rev. U. H. Heilman, expense auditing investment account of Treasurer,	$1 75
" 26.	Rev. W. C. Cremer, expense of Synod,	25 00
	Rev. W. C. Cremer, printing tickets,	1 50
	Rev. S. N. Callender, expense as member of Conference Com. on Theological Seminary,	3 88
" 28.	Rev. W. M. Deatrick, for Minute Book,	2 00
	Rev. W. M. Deatrick, Freight on Minutes of General Synod,	75
	Rev. W. M. Deatrick, Postage and Stationery,	12 00
	Rev. W. M. Deatrick, Interest on Studenour Legacy, due December 12, 1892,	12 00
	Rev. S. N. Callender, expense attending Bd. of Visitors,	1 79
" 30.	Rev. J. O. Miller, for Interest on Note in York N. Bk.,	3 75
	Rev. J. O. Miller, expense as member of Com. on Theological Seminary Professorship,	3 70
	Elder Israel Laucks, expense as member of Com. on Theological Seminary Professorship,	3 70
November 5.	Charles Santee, Treasurer of General Synod Board of Missions for Harbor Missions, by order of Synod,	104 00
December 2.	Rev. J. S. Kieffer, expense as member of Com. to visit N. Carolina in interest of establishing a Theological Seminary,	34 33
	Rev. J. T. Rossiter, expense as member of Com. to visit N. Carolina in interest of establishing a Theological Seminary,	28 58
	Elder J. Heyser, expense as member of Com. to visit N. Carolina in interest of establishing a Theological Seminary,	36 39
1892.		
January 8.	Hanover S. F. Society, for box rent,	5 00
" 29.	Rev. J. O. Miller, Interest on Note in York N. Bk.,	3 75
April 14.	Reformed Church Publication House for Printing Minutes of Synod,	147 97
May 3.	Rev. J. O. Miller, Interest on Note in York N. Bk.,	3 75
" 14.	Rev. A. H. Kremer, expense attending Bd. of Visitors,	1 78

May 19.	Rev. J. S. Kieffer, expense attending Bd. of Visitors, ...	$4 68	
June 1.	Rev. W. H. Groh, Interest on Brechbill Legacy, due April 1st, 1892, ...	12 00	
" 17.	Rev. W. M. Deatrick, Salary as Stated Clerk of Synod, . . .	100 00	
	Rev. W. M. Deatrick, President of Board of Regents, for Mercersburg College, ...	98 45	
	For Mercersburg College Debt, ...	72 50	
July 7.	Rev. E. R. Eschbach, expense attending Bd. of Visitors, . .	3 25	
" 28.	Rev. J. O. Miller, on Principal of Note in York N. B. . . .	52 98	
August 2.	Rev. J. O. Miller, for Balance of Note in York N. B.. . . .	197 02	
" 15.	Charles Santee, Treasurer of General Synod Bd. of Missions, for Hungarian Missions, ...	143 16	
	For Harbor Missions, ...	109 11	
" 23.	Christ. G. Gross, Treasurer of General Synod, for Balance of Assessment for Contingent Fund, ...	243 10	
	Rev. U. H. Heilman, Treasurer of Maryland Classis, for Church Extension in Baltimore, ...	69 29	
	John B. Roth, Treasurer for Theological Seminary, Lancaster,	75 00	
September 2.	Edgar Slagle, Treasurer, Salary to January 1, 1893, ...	100 00	
" 14.	Rev. C. Clever, expense attending Conference with Eastern Synod, in regard to our Legal Rights in Seminary at Lancaster, ...	7 90	
" 21.	Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, expense attending Conference, Seminary Building at Lancaster, ...	7 62	
" 30.	Rev. U. H. Heilman, Treasurer of Maryland Classis for Church Extension in Baltimore, ...	75 00	
	Rev. J. T. Rossiter, expense attending meeting of Bd. of Trustees of Synod, ...	1 70	
	Rev. U. H. Heilman, expense examining Securities in hands of Treasurer, ...	1 00	
	John J. Nissley, Treasurer pro tem. for Church Building, .	107 00	
	John J. Nissley, Treasurer for Home Missions, ...	33 00	
October 1.	Charles Santee, Treas. of General Synod's Bd. of Missions for Harbor Missions, ...	80 00	
	For Hungarian Missions, ...	57 00	
	Rev. W. M. Deatrick, Pres. of Bd. of Regents for Mercersburg College, ...	143 34	
	For Mercersburg College Debt, ...	25 00	
" 5.	Charles Santee, Treas. of General Synod's Bd. of Missions, for Harbor Missions, ...	10 00	
	Balance in hands of Treasurer, ...	972 88	
			$3,239 35

Respectfully submitted, _____

Theological Seminary Endowment Account.

Dr.		Cr.	
To Cash received from Subscriptions, ...	$161 75	By increase in investment securities,	$250 00
To cash on hand Oct. 13th, 1891, . .	506 65	To Balance in hands of Treasurer Oct. 8th, 1892, ...	418 40
	$668 40	Amount of Endowment Fund invested in Mortgages and Bonds, bearing interest, ...	$35,157 54
		Cash in hands of Treasurer, ...	418 40
		Premium on Bonds, ...	535 00
		Total amount of Endowment Fund,	$36,110 94

Interest Account.

To Interest received on investments from Oct. 13th, 1891, to Oct. 8th, 1892, ...	$2,092 77
To Cash on hand Oct. 13th, 1891, . .	132 45
	$2,225 22
By Cash paid Rev. Prof. J. C. Bowman on Salary, ...	1,797 45
Balance in hands of Treasurer, . .	$427 77

Respectfully submitted,

Hanover, October 8th, 1892.

Fellowship Endowment Account of the Synod of the Potomac.

To Principal,	$1,100 00
To Accrued Interest on the same,	80 92
Total Amount of Fund,	$1,180 92

Respectfully submitted.

HANOVER, October 8th, 1892.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Standing Committee on Finance submitted its report, during the session of Monday evening, which was received and adopted. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Committee on Finance submits the following report. The Treasurer's Report has been audited, and found to be correct, according to the vouchers furnished by him.

The following amounts have been referred to your Committee for apportionment among the several Classes, namely: Home Missions $8,000.00, Beneficiary Education $4,200.00, Church Extension in Baltimore $500.00, Hungarian Missions $500.00, Theological Seminary $75.00, Contingent Fund of Synod $700.00, North Carolina Theological Professorship $1,000.00. Making $14,975.00. The following distribution of these amounts has been made, namely:

Home Missions.—Maryland Classis, $2060.00; Juniata Classis, $1226.00; Gettysburg Classis, $1132.00; Zion's Classis, $994.00; Mercersburg Classis, $700.00; North Carolina Classis, $634.00; Carlisle Classis, $579.00; Virginia Classis, $544.00; and Portland-Oregon Classis, $133.00. Making $8002.00.

Beneficiary Education.—Maryland Classis, $1190.00; Juniata Classis, $748.00; Gettysburg Classis, $594.00; Zion's Classis, $525.00; Mercersburg Classis, $475.00; Carlisle Classis, $361.00; and Virginia Classis, $315.00. Making $4208.00.

North Carolina Professorship.—Maryland Classis, $250.00; Juniata Classis, $154.00; Gettysburg Classis, $142.00; Zion's Classis, $124 00; Mercersburg Classis, $104.00; North Carolina Classis, $85.00; Carlisle Classis, $75.00; and Virginia Classis, $75.00. Making $1009.00.

Church Extension in Baltimore—Maryland Classis, $125.00; Juniata Classis, $75·00; Gettysburg Classis, $75.00; Zion's Classis, $60.00; Mercersburg Classis, $60.00; Carlisle Classis, 60.00; and Virginia Classis, $45.00. Making $500.00,

Hungarian Missions—Maryland Classis, $125.00; Juniata Classis, $77.00; Gettysburg Classis, $71.00; Zion's Classis, $65.00; Mercersburg Classis, $55.00; Carlisle Classis, $38.00; Virginia Classis, $38.00; and North Carolina Classis, $31.00. Making $500.00.

Theological Seminary.—Maryland Classis, $20.00; Juniata Classis, $13.00; Gettysburg Classis, 12 00; Mercersburg Classis, 11.00; Zion's Classis, $9.00; Carlisle Classis. $5.00; and Virginia Classis, $5.00. Making $75.00.

Contingent Fund.—Maryland Classis, $171.00; Gettysburg Classis, $106.00; Juniata Classis, $103.00; Zion's Classis, $89.00; Mercersburg Classis, $65.00; North Carolina Classis, $59.00; Carlisle Classis, $49.00; Virginia Classis, $47.00; and Portland-Oregon Classis, $13.00. Making $700.00.

Further your Committee also recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to incorporate in the Minutes the arrearages of such of the Classes as have not been exonerated from their arrearages in the published minutes of last year.

Respectfully submitted, U. HENRY HEILMAN, *Chairman.*

ARREARAGES.

The following are the arrearages still resting on the different Classes, in accordance with the foregoing resolution, for the following objects, to wit:

Contingent Fund.—Carlisle Classis, $56.94; Portland-Oregon Classis, $39.00; and Zion's Classis, $28.52.

General Synod.—Carlisle Classis, $12.29; and Portland-Oregon Classis, $5.00.

Mercersburg College.—Zion's Classis, $162.39; Maryland Classis, $84.50; North Carolina Classis, $33.00; and Portland-Oregon Classis, $8.00.

Harbor Missions.—Maryland Classis, $93.00; Zion's Classis, $29.14; North Carolina Classis, $10.00; Juniata Classis, $5.00; and Portland-Oregon Classis, $5.00.

Beneficiary Education.—Maryland Classis, $784.02; Gettysburg Classis, $416.00; Zion's Classis, $173.85; and Mercersburg Classis, $92.26.

The balance on the amount borrowed ($1600.00) June 30, 1887, by the Treasurer of Synod to pay the pledge of the Synod, being $4,000.00, to Wichita College, was cancelled during the past year, and the following action was moved and adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod are due and hereby tendered to the brethren, Revs. J. O. Miller, A. H. Kremer, C. Cort, C. U. Heilman, A. K. Kline, and I. N. Peightel, for personally endorsing said Wichita College loan, authorized by the Synod at the annual meeting in Mercersburg, and for their successful management of the important financial matter thus assumed by them, and now happily brought to a close, by the full payment of the balance of the loan, by the Treasurer of Synod, as appears from this year's report.

The following rule was adopted with reference to making assessments for the contingent fund of the Synod and General Synod:

Resolved, That assessments for the Contingent Fund of the Synod and the Contingent Fund of the General Synod be hereafter made upon the Classes on the basis of membership.

REPORT OF SYNOD'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

The Board of Trustees presented its annual report, which was received and adopted as follows, to wit:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Board met at Hanover, Pa., September 29, 1892. The members in attendance were—Rev. J. T. Rossiter, President; Elder G. N. Forney, Vice-President and Secretary, and Elder Edgar Slagle, a quorum of the Board. Mr. Edgar Slagle, the Treasurer of Synod, reported that the interest accruing from the endowment funds of the Theological Professorship during the year has been regularly and fully paid to Professor J. C. Bowman, as per instructions of the Board at a previous meeting. Respectfully submitted,

GEO. N. FORNEY, *Secretary.*

At the election for members of the several Boards of the Synod, Elder Jacob N. Slagle was chosen a member of the Board of Trustees of the Synod, for the term of five years, from January 1, 1893.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Elder Jacob N. Slagle, five years; Elder H. M. Schmuck, four years; Elder G. N. Forney, three years; Rev. J. T. Rossiter, two years; and Elder J. P. Reed, one year.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

None.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

None.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Sunday-school Board presented its Annual Report to the Synod during the session of Wednesday forenoon, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD TO THE SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.

Brethren:—It is gratifying to be able to report a growing interest and encouraging progress in the Sunday-school cause within the bounds of our Synod.

We do not know of any Christian labor more pre-eminent in spiritual results, or more effective in increasing the membership of the Church. As previously reported, in a single State of our Synod, 16,994 members were brought into the various Protestant denominations through the instrumentality of the Sunday-school in the year 1891.

On the Allegheny Mountains there is a large limestone rock, and upon its surface are the foot-prints of birds and of wild beasts and the trail of the serpent. These were made, it may be, five thousand years ago, when the rock was soft and pliant, but the impressions are still there. Many storms have swept over them, and many rains and snows have fallen upon them, but no power has been able yet to efface them. The heart of the child is just as pliant, and the impressions for good or evil are being made upon it which are forming character that will exist when rocks and mountains have been swept away. Then how diligent, how careful we should be to imprint upon the fair surface of the child's heart that which will beautify life and glorify God.

The Sunday-school Conventions which have been held during the past year have resulted in much benefit in awakening increased interest in the work, and a broader conception of its importance.

Children's Day and the Church Festivals have been observed with commendable zeal, and, we believe, with excellent results.

We most respectfully suggest that Friday evening be set apart for the anniversary of the Sunday-school. We have selected the questions to be discussed, and appointed speakers as follows:

1. "The Sunday-school Teacher in his Study; in his Class; in his Life." Rev. Prof. William C. Schaeffer and Rev. J. B. Shontz.

2. "The Bible, the Catechism, the Lesson-Help, their Place and Use in the Sunday-school," Rev. Geo. B. Resser and Rev. C. S. Slagle.

Finances.

Balance in hand of the Treasurer at the close of the Synod, 1891. . . .	$90.85
Received since that date	6.60
Total amount	$97.45

Paid out to Highfield Mission	$25.00
" " " Rev. A. Weber's Mission	25.00
" " " Rev. L. Reiter's Mission	25.00
	$75.00
Leaving in the Treasury, October 11, 1892	$22.45

Respectfully submitted, G. S. GRIFFITH, *President.*

The following preamble and resolution were moved and adopted:

WHEREAS, There are in the bounds of all the congregations of the Synod persons who ought to attend the Sunday-schools in their communities, but who either on account of distance or carelessness, neglect this privilege; and,

WHEREAS, It is possible to organize in our Sunday-school Home Departments with home classes to study the lesson by those who do not attend any school, and thus finally bring them into our schools, and do a much greater work for Christ than now; this system having been extensively introduced into a number of States, and now has the earnest support of a number of denominations with blessed results; therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend to the pastors and Sunday-school officers the propriety of organizing Home Departments with home lessons for the purpose of securing the systematic study of the Holy Scriptures, and thus win for Christ and His Church many who are now beyond their influence.

At the election held for members of the several Boards of the Synod, Rev. I. N. Peightel was elected a member of the Sunday-school Board for the period of five years.

MEMBERS OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Rev. I. N. Peightel, five years; Rev. R. L. Gerhart, four years; Rev. W. I. Stewart, three years; Elder G. S. Griffith, two years, and Rev. C. S. Slagle, one year.

ARTICLE XIX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred under this head.

ARTICLE XX.

PUBLICATION.

The following report was submitted by the Stated Clerk, in connection with item 18 of the Report on Minutes of Synod, which was received and adopted:

REPORT ON PUBLISHING THE MINUTES.

The undersigned begs leave to report, that he had two thousand copies of the "Acts and Proceedings of the Nineteenth Annual Sessions of the Synod" printed and bound in pamphlet form, as instructed, and distributed them according to the rules and regulations of the Synod in the case. The work was executed by the Reformed Church Publishing House, of Philadelphia, at the cost of $147.97. The bill was promptly paid by the Treasurer of Synod. Unfortunately there was very considerable delay in getting them out, for which the Stated Clerk is not responsible. They were not ready for distribu-

tion until after the middle of February, notwithstanding the manuscript was expressed to Philadelphia before the middle of November, the usual time.

Through an oversight, the report of the special committee on items, 4, 5, 6, and 7, of the Report on Overtures, requesting the Synod to organize a Women's Synodical Missionary Society, was not included in the Minutes as printed. It is found in the Minute-book in its proper place, and, if so ordered by the Synod, will be included in the minutes of the present sessions.

Respectfully submitted, WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

REPORT OF THE PUBLICATION BOARD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, 1892.

To the Pittsburgh, Potomac and Eastern Synods.:—The Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States begs leave to submit to the Synods named its annual report:

During the year one meeting was held, September 7th, 1892. At this meeting but three members were present, viz.: George W. Hensel, James T. Reber and Edward J. Durban. In the absence of a quorum the Executive Committee met and authorized the secretary and treasurer of the Board to prepare the annual report to the Synods.

The books of the publisher and lessee were examined and verified by two members of the Board, and the gross receipts for the year exhibited an increase over those of the past year to the amount of $3,121.52, and the total amount being within the limit of $40,000, the basis of the guarantee, the treasurer received the $1200 from the lessee as will appear in the report of the former.

It is to be regretted that the several members of the Board fail to attend the meetings, as their absence not only prevents organization and the election of the necessary officers, but also precludes the consideration and action on various matters of importance, among which is the undetermined and seemingly misunderstood question as to whether the Synods are observing the true intent of the contract with the lessee, notably in their printing and publishing contracts. This subject should be intelligently and fairly discussed on the floor of the several Synods, and a conclusion reached that will clearly and finally determine it, and that in strict keeping with the equities and rights of both parties concerned.

The advantages and benefits arising from a concentration of interests are so apparent in all the activities of life, that there should not be any occasion to plead for like purpose in our publishing interests, and there seems to exist in some quarters an indifference or lukewarmness, amounting at times to opposition in promoting the growth and prosperity of this powerful and valuable adjunct to our Church organization.

The direct pecuniary advantages under the existing lease, to the Synods, and which could be largely increased by concerted action, are shown in the following report as submitted by the treasurer, George W. Hensel:

Sept., 1891, to balance in hand at last report	$4395.88
Jan. 2d, 1892, Cash from Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D.D. . . .	300.00
Feb. 23d, 1892, Cash from Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D. D . . .	300.00
March 24th, 1892, Cash received from interest	197.51
May 14th, 1892, Cash from Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D. D. . .	300.00
Sept. 6th, 1892, Cash from Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D.D. . . .	300.00
Total on hand	$5793.39

Of this total, $4300 are invested in permanent loans at five and six per cent. and $1193.39 in call loans at four per cent

The term of Geo. W. Hensel, a member of the Board from the Eastern Synod will expire January, 1893, and it will devolve upon that Synod to fill the vacancy. Respectfully submitted,

EDW. J. DURBAN, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

The Committee on Publication would respectfully report as follows:

The document placed in the hands of the Committee was the Report of the Board of Publication of the Reformed Church in the United States for 1892.

The Report of the Board of Publication complains of the non-attendance of most of the members of the Board at the one meeting held during the year; announces an increase in the gross receipts of the past year over the previous year of $3,121.52; reports the payment by the lessee to the Treasurer of the Board of $1,200 for the year, the total amount of sales being within the prescribed limit of $40,000; expresses a desire for the intelligent and fair discussion by the Synod of the question whether the Synod is fully observing the true intent of the contract with the lessee, and for the clear and final determination of the question in strict keeping with the equities and rights of both parties concerned; and calls attention to the fact that the total amount at present in the hands of the Treasurer is $5,793.39.

In regard to the matters thus presented for the consideration of the Synod, your Committee would recommend the following:

Resolved, That this Synod is gratified to hear, through its Board, of the good management and sound condition of its Publication affairs.

Resolved, That the Synod urgently requests the members of the Board to attend such meetings as may be necessary for the management of its affairs.

Resolved, That this Synod once more expresses its sense of the solemn obligation resting upon it, and upon its members individually, to abide faithfully by the terms of the contract made and now existing, between the three Synods interested, and the lessee and publisher to whom by said contract our publication interests were committed.

Resolved, That this Synod earnestly and affectionately reminds the several Classes under its care, together with all pastors and consistories of congregations within its bounds, of the great importance, for our church life and church work, of our publication interests; and urgently recommends that, in every pastoral charge, a distinct and energetic effort be made to increase the circulation of the periodicals of the Church. J. S. KIEFFER, *Chairman.*

The Synod directed the omitted report to be printed in the present Minutes, and it is here given as adopted by the Synod of last year, after amendment, to wit:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ITEMS 4–7 OF REPORT ON OVERTURES.

The Special Committee on items 4–7 of Report on Overtures submitted its report, which was received, amended and adopted. The report, as adopted, is as follows:

Your Committee to whom were referred the several papers from Christian women, representing different sections of the Synod, begs leave to report:

First. That we sincerely rejoice over the missionary ardor and zeal exhibited in so high degree by these documents, an ardor and zeal consistent with the noble type of Christian womanhood, which is the product, and has ever been the pride of the Holy Religion which we profess.

Second. That we gratefully acknowledge the unfaltering devotion, the self-sacrificing faith and steadfast love which have characterized the work of women

in the entire history of the Church, and which so pre-eminently appear in the manifold labors of the present age, and in our portion of the Lord's vineyard.

Third. That we congratulate ourselves, especially upon the evidences of the increasing activity of our own women in the work of Foreign and Home Missions, and we hereby assure them of our thankful appreciation of their work, praying that the God of missions may abundantly bless their labors in behalf of their interests so dear to the heart of the Church.

Fourth. That while appreciating the desire to enlarge the sphere of woman's usefulness, as expressed in the requests submitted to the Synod; and whilst cheerfully ready to express our approval of their work, we deem it inexpedient to authorize the organization of a Woman's Synodical Missionary Society, trusting to the wisdom and discretion of woman for the direction of her own work. Respectfully submitted, A. S. WEBER, *Chairman.*

The Stated Clerk was directed to have two thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the present sessions duly authenticated, printed and bound in pamphlet form, and distribute them among those entitled to receive them.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Elder Samuel Hoeflich, three years; Hon. John Cessna, two years.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

During the session of Friday forenoon the Standing Committee on Nominations presented its report, which was received and adopted, and a sufficient number of tickets of the nominations were ordered to be printed for the use of the Synod. The election was made the order of the day for 10 o'clock of Saturday morning's session. At the time designated, the election was held, Revs. I. M. Beaver, H. F. Dittmar, and Elders S. M. Hench and S. B. Kissell, acting as tellers, who collected the ballots, counted the votes, and furnished the President with the result of the election. The result will be found elsewhere, in connection with the action of Synod on the Reports of the Boards of Education, Regents of Mercersburg College, Visitors and Trustees of the Theological Seminary, Missions, Trustees of Synod and Sunday Schools.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORPHAN HOMES.

The Standing Committee on Orphan Homes, to whom items 9 and 10 of the Report on Overtures were referred, presented the following report, which was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ITEMS 9 AND 10 OF REPORT ON OVERTURES.

Your Committee, to whom were referred items 9 and 10 of the Report on Overtures, begs leave to present the following report:

From the Bethany Home Report we are much gratified to learn of the valuable property and well-equipped Home we have at Bethany with all indebtedness occasioned by the erection of the needed addition fully met. The present number of children in this Home is one hundred and two, all of whom with the exception of two are supported by the charities of the Church. The health of the inmates has been good. The moral and religious training of the children

as in former years in the church service, Sunday-school, catechetical class and family altar has received due consideration, and as a result of this seven of the children who had arrived at the proper age were received into full communion with the church by the solemen rite of confirmation during the year.

Practical industrial training is maintained in the Home to the extent of familiarizing the boys with farm labor in all its details, and the girls with the entire routine of domestic duties. We learn with pleasure that efficient schools are maintained in the Home for ten months of the year. Commendable discipline is enforced and encouraging progress in acquiring an elementary education reported.

The Board reports a deficit in the current expenses of the Home amounting to about $2,000. In view of the above facts we respectfully recommend the following action:

WHEREAS, This Synod learns with much gratification of the increasing efficiency and prosperity of Bethany Orphans' Home; therefore,

Resolved, That we hereby express our confidence in the able and judicious management of the same on the part of the Superintendent and Board.

Resolved, That we as a Synod pledge anew our sympathy, prayers and contributions for the care of the fatherless and motherless wards of the church, and that earnest efforts be made by pastors, churches and Sunday-schools to lift liberal collections in church or school, or both, during the approaching Christmas season, or at such other time as may best suit their convenience.

The communication from St. Paul's Home at Butler, Pa., informs us that a similar line of Christian work is conducted there. The number of children in this Home as reported is 60, a large number of whom, however, are supported by parents or friends. The intellectual, moral and spiritual culture of the children receives proper attention.

We further learn that facilities at hand would enable them to accommodate a larger number of children than now find a home and Christian nurture there, provided the contributions for this worthy charity were largely increased; therefore,

Resolved, That this institution be earnestly recommended to the confidence and charity of the Church as eminently worthy of patronage and support.

Respectfully submitted, I. N. PEIGHTEL, *Chairman.*

SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF MINISTERS AND THEIR WIDOWS.

The following statement was presented to the Synod by the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows in accordance with the request of the Synod, and was ordered to be spread upon the Minutes, to wit:

"The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the U. S.," through its officers presents for the information of the Church, and for record in the Minutes of Synod, the following statement of its receipts and expenditures for the year ending with September 30th, 1892:

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand as per last report	$3980.51
" from mortgages and bonds	3068.00
" " donation	2000.00
" " collections in the churches	1480.05
" " interest on sundry investments	1283.05
" " miscellaneous sources	168.91
Total	$11,980.52

EXPENDITURES.

Cash for investments	$6534.05
" in treasury	3496.22
" paid 37 annuitants	1885.00
" " for expenses	65.25
Total	$11,980.52
Assets of the Society	$32,880.27

In the past year nine disabled ministers and twenty-eight widows or dependents of deceased ministers have received aid from the Society. In the coming year, as far as is known, the number of those receiving aid will be increased. Nearly all of the amount in the treasury available for the purpose will be needed to meet the appropriations to be made at the annual meeting of the Society, October 11th, 1892.

The membership of the Society in the past year has been increased by the addition of twenty-five life and four annual or contributing members from the collections and contributions received, to wit:

Life Members: Revs. A. M. Schmidt, T. C. Leinbach, S. C. Meckel, C. Cort, D.D., J. E. Hiester, D.D., Z. A. Yearick, J. G. Dubbs, N. J. Miller, A. T. G. Apple, R. F. Gass, C. W. Schults, A. R. Thompson, G. W. Williard, D.D., F. A. Gast, D.D., F. S. Lindaman, J. M. Titzel, D.D., D. H. Leader, A. S. Leinbach, D.D., B. Bausman, D.D., H. A. Keyser, D.D., H. Leisse, H. Mosser, D.D., J. W. Steinmetz, J. W. Pontius and W. D. C. Rodrock.

Annual Members: Revs. D. B. Shuey, S. A. Alt, M. H. Diefenderfer and J. H. Stepler.

WM. M. DEATRICK, *President*, Mercersburg, Pa.
T. F. HOFFMEIER, *Secretary*, Middletown, Md.
SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer*, St. Petersburg, Pa.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—The following is a statement of moneys received and expended on account of "The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in U. S." within the bounds of your Reverend body for the year closing with September 30th, 1892:

RECEIPTS.

Maryland Classis	$83.82
Mercersburg Classis	64.92
Juniata "	51.36
Gettysburg "	48.50
Carlisle "	17.00
	$265 60

EXPENDITURES.

Maryland Classis	$225.00
Mercersburg Classis	100.00
Virginia "	100.00
Zion's "	75.00
Carlisle "	75.00
Juniata "	50.00
	$625.00

We ask for a place in your Minutes for the enclosed statement of the operations of the Society the past year.

With the prayer that the Society may receive at your hands the encouragement it deserves. I am your fellow servant,

St. Petersburg, Pa., Sept. 30th, 1892. SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer.*

The following action of last year was reiterated, to wit:

Resolved, That this Synod hereby expresses its confidence in the present management of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, and unanimously commends its noble work to the liberal patronage and prayer of our entire Reformed Church.

Resolved, That the special attention of the several Classes be called to the claims of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, and that they be requested to instruct all their pastors to lift one collection, at least, annually in each of their congregations, on some Sunday before October in each Synodical year.

The following additional resolutions were adopted, namely:

Resolved, That the Historical Sketch of the Society, read by the President at the Anniversary on Wednesday evening, be incorporated in the published minutes of the Synod, and that he be requested to have it also published in the papers of the Church.

Resolved, That the Classes be recommended to take due notice of the fact that this is the *Centennial* of the Society.

THE ORIGIN AND HISTORY OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF MINISTERS AND THEIR WIDOWS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

Brethren Beloved in the Lord:—The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, whose CENTENNIAL we begin to celebrate this evening, is the oldest charitable institution of the Reformed Church in the United States. The date of its formation cannot be accurately ascertained or positively determined.

The earliest records of the original Society have unfortunately been mislaid or lost—in all probability destroyed.

There is good ground, however, for believing, that as a "Widows' Fund," it had its origin considerably over one hundred years ago—as early as 1755, under the fostering auspices of the Synods of North and South Holland.

It is well known, that those Synods, together with the Classis of Amsterdam, took a very lively and deep interest already in the welfare of the German emigrants to Pennsylvania, nearly one hundred and fifty years ago. This interest displayed itself by the churches of Holland taking up collections for this *Widows' Fund*, as it was called, amounting to very considerable sums, from year to year, and sending them statedly or regularly over to America, for the use of the German Reformed Church.

Full and particular accounts or statements of the appropriations made of this fund were always returned by the Coetus, as the ecclesiastical body of our Church in this country was then denominated.

The fund, no doubt, brought relief to the stricken household of more than one minister, who had fallen at his post.

Accordingly, in the "Letters from Holland relating to the organization of the German Reformed Church," translated by the Rev. Dr. Dietrich Willers, by direction of the Synod, a number of years ago, and published in the *Messenger* at the time, mention is made of this *Widows' Fund*, as being in existence, to which contributions were frequently made, before and during the struggle of the Colonies for Independence, in sums of from 150 to 600 guilders, at a time, by the Reformed Church of Holland.

These contributions from Holland gradually ceased some years after the War of Independence closed, when the congregations became themselves able to make provision for the needy widows of ministers.

As near as can now be ascertained, the present Society was organized or formed one hundred years ago, when the Reformed Church in the United States became separate and independent of the Church in Holland, which was consummated by the action of the Synod held in Lancaster, Pa., at its session April 30, 1793, adopting a Constitution and Rules of Order, and changing its name and title from Coetus to Synod.

Showing the trend of things in that direction, the Coetus, at its annual meeting in the same city, June 27, 1791, proceeded to ordain to the work of the Christian ministry, without having first obtained the consent of the Fathers in Holland, the licentiates J. Philip Stock and Jonathan Rahauser. The former of whom served the congregations at Shippensburg, Chambersburg and surrounding points for a number of years; and the latter, Hagerstown and affiliated congregations for many years.

Henceforward, the Society dispensed its benefactions under Synodical supervision, and, although its annuities were limited, thoy nevertheless made glad the hearts of their recipients from year to year.

It would seem that the Society at first, and for a long time, did not exist apart and altogether independent of Synodical control.

If it was not, strictly speaking, a Synodical organization, it was, nevertheless, a voluntary association, made up and composed of the ministers of the Synod or Coetus, as the Synod continued to be denominated until 1793. And as such it acted, to some extent at least, under the Synod's direction and supervision, and was, it is said, "to continue at its pleasure." But at length, for the greater security of their funds, and also to give validity to their acts, a charter was deemed necessary. Application was accordingly made to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania for a charter, which was granted March 10, A.D. 1810, by that body. The charter officers of the Society were: John Henry Helfrich, President; Philip Pauli, Vice-President; Samuel Helffenstein, Secretary; George Geistweit, Assessor; William Hiester, Assessor; William Hendel, Treasurer.

The association was originally, or at first, named "The Society of Guardians for the Relief of the Widows of the German Reformed Clergymen." This with the addition of "being members of this Society," became the title of the Society under the charter granted by the Supreme Court of the State in 1810, as already stated. The name of the Society was thus unduly long and cumbersome. Besides, the benefits were wholly confined to ministers, who were citizens of the State of Pennsylvania.

As an instance of well-applied charity by the Society, it may be mentioned that the widow of the sainted Winckhaus, one of the worthiest pastors of what was formerly known as the Race Street Church of Philadelphia, was kept from actual want by the relief extended to her by the Society for many years. Mrs. Winckhaus survived nearly fifty years after the death of her husband, who died in Philadelphia, October 3d, 1793, from that dreaded disease, yellow fever.

Another instance may be given that comes down nearer to our own time and locality, namely, that of the widow of the Rev. Jonathan Rahauser, of Hagerstown, Md., who outlived her husband also many years, and who was the last widow who was entitled to the benefits of the Society, as chartered in 1810. For many years she was an annuitant of the Society until removed to her Father's House on high, where there is bread enough and to spare.

The question may present itself to your minds, How did it happen that she could be a recipient of the Society's benefactions, if its benefits, according to the charter, were limited to citizens of Pennsylvania? The answer is, That her husband was a native of the State, and his first field of labor was in said State.

The Society as first organized and chartered was not only limited, as already stated, but seems to have lacked in other respects. It failed to expand with the

growth of our Church, consequently it nearly died out. In 1832, the membership of the Society was reduced to only four—some accounts say three—and there was actual danger of the corporation becoming extinct. The members were Samuel Helffenstein, Sen., William Hendel, Casper Wack, and Thomas Pomp.

These venerable men represented the fact to the Synod, held in Frederick, Md., in 1832, and requested the appointment of a committee to confer with them as to the proper disposition to be made of its funds. Accordingly, the Synod appointed a committee for that purpose, but the chairman of the committee, who was also President of the Synod, Rev. J. W. Dechant, died of the cholera on his way home from the meeting of the Synod, and nothing was then done in the matter. But the subject was again brought up at the Synod of Easton, Pa., the ensuing year, and another committee was appointed, with instructions to confer with the surviving incorporators, and request them to transfer their funds to the Theological Seminary, at that time located at York.

A joint meeting of the corporators and the committee was held, and after long and earnest discussion, it was agreed to submit the whole question for decision to the judgment of the Synod, at the next annual meeting, to be held in Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1834.

At the Pittsburgh Synod, it was wisely decided to perpetuate the Society, with such amendments and changes of its Charter, By-Laws, and Rules, as would present greater inducements to the ministry of the Church to become members of the Society.

The proposed alterations were submitted to the surviving corporators by a committee appointed by the Synod for the purpose, of which committee Rev. Dr. B. C. Wolff, a native of this place, was chairman.

At the Synod held in Chambersburg, Pa., in 1835, the committee reported, that the propositions of the Synod of Pittsburgh had been accepted, and that the Society would be perpetuated, according to the wishes of Synod. The result was, that a number of the ministers became members of the Society, and it was reorganized, and it was resolved to apply for a new charter to the Legislature of the State in due form, and it was understood that a new charter had been obtained.

Meanwhile, however, little or no interest seems to have been taken in the affairs of the Society, and it was not until the meeting of the Synod at Norristown, Pa., in 1849, that the Society was organized under what was supposed to be the new charter.

Things ran along for several years in this manner, until at length it was ascertained that the new charter had never received proper legislative sanction, and consequently was no charter at all.

It had passed one branch of the Legislature of Pennsylvania, but owing to the hurry and bustle of business at the close of the session, it had been overlooked in the other branch of the Legislature, and so was of course invalid.

This threw the Society back upon the old Charter obtained from the Supreme Court of the State in 1810. Upon a careful examination this was found to require nothing more than an extension of its powers and a change of name or title, to make it all that was really desirable. An Enabling Act, as it has been termed, was applied for to the Legislature to that effect, and obtained under date of February 28, 1865, and is now in full force and virtue by law.

The title and name of the Society was changed to "The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States." The Society's annual income was extended so as not to exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars, from "the clear yearly value of five hundred pounds," as in the original charter. It extends the privileges to all ministers of the Reformed

Church, resident in any of the United States and Territories. It covers three classes of annuitants:

1st. The widows and children of deceased members of the Society needing aid.

2d. The widow and family of any deceased minister of our Church, if in needy circumstances.

3d. Disabled ministers themselves, who are members of the Society, and require pecuniary assistance.

The progress of the Society, numerically and financially, has been much more rapid since the Charter was revised and changed, twenty-seven years ago, and especially during the past few years. The invested fund then amounted to about $5,000.00; now it is more than six times that amount.

WM. M. DEATRICK, *President.*

The Stated Clerk submitted the following report, which was received and adopted to wit:

REPORT ON PREPARING A CIRCULAR AND ISSUING THE SAME.

The undersigned begs leave to report, that he prepared a circular setting forth the object and needs of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church, as instructed, had it printed, and sent a copy to the pastors generally of our beloved Zion. The expense, amounting to between twelve and thirteen dollars, has been paid by the Society.

Respectfully submitted, WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

The following report was received and adopted, viz:

To the Potomac Synod:

The committee appointed at the last annual sessions to represent this Reverend Synod at the dedication of the memorial stone erected to the memory of the late Rev. E. E. Higbee, D.D., LL.D., at Emmitsburg, Md., by the Public Schools of Pennsylvania, respectiully reports that it attended to its duties on October 31, 1891. The services consisted of the dedication of the memorial stone in the Mountain View Cemetery, and of a number of addresses delivered in the Reformed Church by members of the committee and others. The ceremonies and addresses connected with the occasion are fully reported in the November number of the *Pennsylvania School Journal*, a copy of which accompanies this report. The committee also presents a copy of the September mumber of the same journal, which contains two excellent cuts of the memorial stone, and the report of the monument committee under whose direction the stone was erected. Repeectfully submitted,

Emmitsburg, Md., October 10, 1892. U. HENRY HEILMAN, *Chairman.*

Items 12 and 13 of the Report on Overtures were referred to a Special Committee composed of Revs. S. N. Callender, T. K. Cromer, and Elder S. B. Kissell. The committee subsequently presented the following report, which was received and adopted, namely:

Your Committee to which was referred two copies of the "Order of Service" with the "Heidelberg Catechism," by Rev. N. Z. Snyder, and *The Anxious Bench*, for examination, beg leave to report:

We have given the books such examination as our limited opportunities afforded. We find the "Order of Service" to be a carefully prepared manual for the conduct of the service in the Sunday-school and Catechetical Classes, and as such is eminently adapted to the improvement of these services.

The Anxious Bench is a reprint of "A Tract for the Times," published originally a number of years ago. This reprint is to be welcomed as affording an opportunity on the part of the Church of to-day to procure an interesting part of our Church literature, for some time out of print,

Respectfully submitted, S. N. CALLENDER, *Chairman.*

Item 6 of the Report on Overtures was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. I. N. Peightel, C. B. Heller, and Elder D. Getzendanner. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

Your Special Committee, to whom item 6 of the Report on Overtures was referred for consideration, begs leave to recommend, that a committee of five be appointed by this Synod to confer with a committee already appointed by the Pittsburgh Synod, and with one which in all probability will be appointed by the Eastern Synod, to arrange for a suitable observance of the Centennial landmark in the history of our beloved Zion.

Resolved, That the action of this Synod on this matter be communicated by the proper official to the Eastern Synod, at its approaching meeting in Lancaster, Pa.

Respectfully submitted,
I. N. PEIGHTEL, *Chairman.*

The committee called for in the foregoing report consists of Revs. J. O. Miller, W. C. Cremer, J. D. Miller, and Elders J. Wetzel, and S. B. Kissell.

At the session of Wednesday morning, Revs. J. D. Miller, C. Cort, J. S. Kieffer, M. L. Firor and L. E. Coblentz were constituted a Reportorial Committee to report the proceedings of the Synod for the public press. Shortly before final adjournment, the committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee, appointed to report the proceedings of Synod for the use of the press, beg leave to report, that they have attended to this duty, and have furnished abstracts of the proceedings to the *Altoona Tribune*, the *Martinsburg World*, *York Daily*, *Baltimore American*, *Baltimore Sun*, *Hagerstown Daily Globe*, *Hagerstown Daily Mail*, *Philadelphia Press*, and *Reformed Church Messenger*. Expenses 70 cents.

Respectfully submitted,
J. DAVID MILLER, *Chairman.*

The bill of expense was ordered to be paid by the Treasurer, and the thanks of Synod were returned to the committee. In the same connection, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That Rev. T. J. Barkley be appointed to confer with the agent of the Associated Press, in order to arrange that our proceedings next year be reported to the Associated Press, and through it to the papers within its jurisdiction.

The following action was also adopted:

Resolved, That the pastor of the place in which the Synod meets together with the officers of Synod constitute a committee, which shall have in charge the arrangements of subjects for the several evenings, while the Synod is in session, and shall appoint the persons who shall speak, and shall inform them at least two weeks beforehand.

The following overture to the General Syod was moved and adopted, namely:

WHEREAS, It is evident that the office of Deaconess existed in the Apostolic and the post-apostolic Church; has always been appreciated in some of the Reformed Churches; is being revived by other Protestant denominations; and is so well adapted to the needs of much practical Christian work; therefore,

Resolved, That we overture the General Synod, at its next meeting, to authorize and define the office of Deaconess, and having taken such action, to send it down to the Classes for approval or rejection.

The following action was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee appointed to mature plan, &c., be instructed to inform the trustees of Catawba College and North Carolina Classis of the action of Synod in regard to establishing a Theological Professorship in connection with Catawba College, and that they enter into negotiations with North Carolina Classis and trustees of Catawba College as to further arrangements for establishing said Professorship.

The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay to the Consistory of the Reformed Church of Martinsburg, twenty-five dollars to defray the incidental expenses of the Synod.

At Monday morning's session a committee on leave of absence was appointed, composed of Revs. J. O. Miller, G. P. Stem and Elder G. W. Hartman. Those granted leave of absence by the committee, as well as others obtaining leave of absence before the appointment of the committee are marked by the letters of the alphabet as their names occur in Article II.—Delegates Present.

On motion, the Classes were directed not to receive defective or incomplete statistics from their pastoral charges, but require them to be made complete in all particulars.

At the session of Monday evening, Rev. T. J. Barkley, pastor of the Gettysburg charge, presented the Synod with a gavel made from a fence rail taken from the Culp's Hill section of the Gettysburg Battle ground, containing a Minnie rifle ball in it. The thanks of the Synod were returned to Pastor Barkley for the relic.

ARTICLE XXII.

MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY.

The Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology, appointed at the last meeting of the Synod, having failed to furnish the proper report, the Stated Clerk was instructed to prepare the report from such data as are at hand. Accordingly the following report is presented.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY.

In the kind providence of the Great Head of the Church, by whom the Father governs all things, there was but one death in our ministerial ranks, during the

past Synodical year, the Lord being very merciful to His servants in sparing their lives for future usefulness.

Rev. Cyrus H. Reiter of the Juniata Classis was called from the Church militant to the Church triumphant, November 17, 1891, after a brief illness. He was stricken down by apoplexy about a fortnight before he died, at the age of 75 years and 1 month, having been born October 17th, 1816.

The deceased graduated from the Theological Seminary at Tiffin, Ohio, in 1855, when nearly thirty-nine years of age. His first pastoral charge was at Carrollton, Ohio, where he labored for four years. From there he removed to Smithville, Wayne Co., Ohio, and labored in the Bristol charge, and from there he went to Wadsworth, Medina Co., same State, and served the Union charge, laboring nine years successfully in both fields of labor. He was next called to the Aaronsburg charge in Centre Co., Pa., his pastorate there lasting seven years. He then successively served the Augusta charge in Northumberland Co., the Woodcock Valley and the Orbisonia charges in Huntingdon Co., Pa., each three years. His last pastoral charge was at Glencoe, Somerset Co., Pa. He then removed with his family to Marklesburg in the Woodcock Valley charge, in which he had labored formerly, where he spent the last few years of his life in retirement from active service, yet laboring in supplying vacant charges within the bounds of the Juniata Classis, as occasion required. For thirty-six years he was permitted to preach the uusearchable riches of divine grace.

ARTICLE XXIII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions of thanks were moved and unanimously adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the Synod of the Potomac hereby tenders its hearty thanks to the pastor and members of the Reformed Church and other kind citizens of Martinsburg, who have so hospitably entertained us during our present annual sessions, and that we implore the richest blessings of the Lord upon them in the varied relations of life.

Resolved, That the pastor *loci* be requested to read the foregoing action to his congregation at next Lord's day services.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod are hereby returned to the management of the Cumberland Valley and Baltimore & Ohio Railroads for the favor of excursion rates granted to the members of Synod passing over those roads.

The Synodical roll was then called, and none were found absent unexcused.

The minutes were then read finally, and approved, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

The following was adopted before adjournment, namely:

Resolved, That when the Synod adjourns finally, it be to meet in the Reformed Church of Gettysburg, Adams Co., Pa., Tuesday evening, October 3d, 1893, at 7.30 o'clock.

The next annual meeting will be as a delegated Synod.

The Synod adjourned finally on Monday evening, October 17th, at 9.15 o'clock, with repeating the Apostles' Creed, joining in the Lord's Prayer, singing a doxology and the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

JOHN G. NOSS, *President.*
WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

Official copy from the original Minutes.

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

CLASSIS OF ZION.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congs.	Members.	Unconfir'd	Baptisms. Inf'ts.	Baptisms. Adults	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Off. & Tea.	S. S. Schl's.	Stud. for Ministry.	Contributions. Benev. Purp.	Contributions. Cong. Purp.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Jacob O. Miller, D. D.,	First Reformed, York,	1	350	175	21	4	16	5	310	6			6	2		465		$631 00	$3313 00	113 S. Duke St., York Pa.
Aaron Wanner, D. D.,	Kreutz Creek Charge,	5	370	360	36	1	18	4	275			16	20	6	65	425		275 00	1300 00	137 Middle St., Lancaster, do
Aaron Spangler,	Trinity Charge,	7	550	340	70	6	34	5	439	6			18	10		385	1	145 00	2800 00	507 W. Market St., York, do
Reuben Rahauser,	Without charge.																			York, do
Israel S. Weisz, D. D.,	Paradise Charge,	4	975	590	86	9	46	16	916	10			41	10		603		560 00	6357 00	441 W. Market St., York, do
Alfred F. Dreisbach,	Shrewsbury,	5	720	610	61		55	21	620	6			14	5		404	2	270 00	1110 00	Shrewsbury, York County, do
Phaon W. Snyder,	Mt. Pleasant Charge,	4	121	95	10		12		102				9	4	30	150		24 00	360 00	Red Lion, do do do
Oliver P. Shellhammer,	Zion's Ch., York,	1	400	300	47	4	18	12	375	6		5	9	1	16	380	1	155 00	1550 00	411 W. Phila. St., York, do
Henry A. Bomberger,	Heidelberg, York,	1	340	125	13	2	22	35	224	3		30	5	1	33	412	3	116 00	2000 00	200 S. Duke St., York, do
Aaron H. Leisse,	Dillsburg Charge,	4	279	120	11		17		190	3			8	1		6		95 00	365 00	Dillsburg, York County, do
Isaac N. Peightel,	Grace, York,	1	157	76	12		9	28	148	4		4	1	1	22	273		1068 00	1213 00	North Hartley St., York, do
Total, 11.		33	4262	2791	367	26	247	127	3599	44		55	131	41	166	3503	7	$3339 00	20368 00	

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Joseph W. Santee, D. D ,	Without Charge,																			Cavetown, Washington Co., Md.
George L. Staley, D. D.,	" "																			1628 N. Calvert St., Balt., Md.
Edmund R.Eschbach,D.D.,	Evan. Ref. Church,	1	630	347	40		29	9	520	13		7	42	1	59	500	1	$1480 00	$11127 00	Frederick, Frederick Co., do
William Goodrich,	Clear Spring,	2	195	80	6	2	8	3	195	8			10	2	23	160		190 00	960 00	Clear Spring Washington Co do
J. Spangler Kieffer, D.D.	Zion Ch., Hagerstown,	1	397	225	27		8	16	345	4			7	1	45	325		912 00	2256 00	229 N. Potomac St.,Hagers'n,do
Joel T. Rossiter, D. D.,	1st Ref. Ch., Baltimore	1	520	356	36	2	31	9	410	6			17	1	40	340		601 00	2581 00	822 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, Md.
T. Franklin Hoffmeier,	Middletown,	1	435	275	13	1	19	2	325	4			9	1	37	330		573 00	2050 00	Middletown, Frederick Co., do
John G. Noss,	Silver Run,	2	673	490	19		25	10	485	13			10	2	17	150	1	159 00	1255 00	Silver Run, Carroll Co., do
Anthony Shulenberger,	Mt. Pleasant,	4	164	85	11	3	9	17	158	11		6	3	3	24	218		75 00	1098 00	Mt. Pleasant, Frederick Co. do
Conrad Clever, D.D.,	3d Ref. Ch., Baltimore	1	356	96	15	2	20	17	336	4			8	1	37	270	2	1019 00	3000 00	518 W. Mulberry St., Balt., do
Silas M. Hench,	Utica,	3	307	224	18	2	30		224				10	3	30	235		118 00	510 00	220 N. Market St., Frederick,do
E. Ranson Deatrick,	Trinity Ref.,Woodb'ry	1	160	102	10	4	17	4	122	3			3	1	18	157		239 00	920 00	342 3d Ave., Woodberry, do
Henry Ditzler,	Taneytown,	1	250	160	23	3	13	2	222	5			9	1	24	230	1	183 00	763 00	Taneytown, Carroll Co., do
U. Henry Heilman,	Church of Incarnation,	1	150	75	4		7		100	5			3	1	8	20		24 00	553 00	Jonestown, Lebanon Co., Pa.
Barton R. Carnahan,	Mt. Moriah	3	193	101	5		4	1	164	7			5	3	25	220	2	202 00	5275 00	Keedysville, Wash. Co., do
Calvin S. Slagle,	Westminster,	2	244	105	7		9	15	200	8			7	2	20	178	1	139 00	1700 00	Westminster, Carroll Co., do
G. Albert Snyder,	Christ Church,	2	255	116	12	9	11	10	218				4	2	35	265	1	233 00	2518 00	Hagerstown, Wash. Co., do
Adam S. Weber,	Faith Ref. Church,	1	134	110	25		16	5	92	4		2	2	1	18	450		104 00	931 00	2424 E. Baltimore St., Balt., do
Geo. A. Whitmore,	Mechanicstown,	4	380	342	40		11	8	359	9		6	16	4	42	325	2	247 00	785 00	Mechanicst'n, Frederick Co., do
Newton J. Miller,	Manchester,	4	670	375	25	3	30	6	497	8			21	7	54	320		205 00	1150 00	Manchester, Carroll Co., do
Andrew T. G. Apple,	Grace Church,	1	116	47	1			18	93	1			3	1	15	85		179 00	1178 00	1714 13th St., N. W., Wash., D. C.
Henry F. Dittmar,	Jefferson,	2	202	117	5		10	5	193	3			6	3	21	153		335 00	3745 00	Jefferson, Frederick Co., Md.
George W. Snyder,	Boonsboro,	2	133	84	1	3	5	12	90	14			3	2	15	65	1	74 00	522 00	Boonsboro',Washington Co., do
Marion L. Firor,	Union Bridge,	3	267	160	12	8	32	29	219	8		2	6	2	19	175		104 00	804 00	Union Bridge, Carroll Co., do
James R. Lewis,	Sabillasville,	2	52	42	4	1	2	2	43				4	2	15	130		14 00	220 00	Sabillasville, Frederick Co., do
Frank Lambader,	St. Paul's Ref., Balt.,	1	414	149	16		15	8	287	10			4	1	39	410	1	225 00	2469 00	616 N. Cary St., Baltimore, do
Atvill Conner,	Glade,	2	157	115	9		2	4	128	9			4	2	20	173		125 00	495 00	Walkersville, Frederick Co., do
Charles H. Brandt,	Burkittsville,	2	117	89	24	4	17		111			7	8	1	10	76		52 00	690 00	Burkittsville, Frederick Co., do
Charles A. Santee,	Cavetown,	3	390	195	15	3	21	3	335	5			7	3	23	150	1	92 00	585 00	Cavetown, Washington Co., do
William I. Stewart,	Christ Church,	1	114	82	12		3	10	95				1	1	18	118		135 00	1076 00	422 Laurens St , Baltimore, do
Isaac M. Mott'er,	Manor,	3	226	144	16	1	12	5	198	3		2	4	3	32	198		285 00	1505 00	Adamstown, Frederick Co , do
T. F. Hoffmeier, Supply,	Fairview,	1	52	28	2		8	1	39	1				1	6			29 00	75 00	
Total, 37.		58	8353	4917	453	51	424	231	6803	166		32	236	59	789	6426	14	$8252 00	$52796 00	

Louis F. Zinkhan, Prison Chaplain, 109 Pleasant St., Baltimore, Md. Henry W. Hoffmeier, without charge, Middletown, Md. Jacob B. Kerschner, without charge, Emmitsburg, Md. Hiram J. McAlister, without charge, 1929 Druid Hill Ave., Balt., Md. Charles W. Levan, Missionary, North Baltimore, 422 Laurens St., Baltimore, Md., and Gottholdt A. Neeff, Baltimore, Md.

CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congs.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms. Infant	Baptisms. Adults	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Offi. & Tea.	S. S. Schl's.	Stud. for the Min'y.	Contributions. Benev'nt purposes	Contributions. Cong'nal purposes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
William M. Deatrick, D.D.,	Without charge,																			Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.
Jacob Hassler, D. D.	Supply Loudon charge	2	181	75	6		5	6	155	3			6	2	22	170		$112 21	$425 00	Fort Loudon, do do
William C. Cremer,	1st Ch., Chambersburg,	1	440	325	15	7	18	13	350	8			9	1	25	300		825 52	1948 00	Chambersburg, do do
Franklin F. Bahner,	Waynesboro,	3	472	210	13	7	13	27	368	7			11	2	40	350		569 87	1660 00	Waynesboro, do do
Cyrus Cort, D. D.,	Greencastle,	2	345	261	15	1	10	10	318	7			12	2	41	241	1	201 95	1348 19	Greencastle, do do
G. W. Aughinbaugh. D.D.,	Pres't Mercersb'g Col.																			Mercersburg, do do
George B. Russell, D.D.,	Supply Mont Alto ch.	1	98	34	5	1	9		85	2		6	2	1	12	115	1	45 00	200 00	Zullinger, do do
Jonas B. Shontz,	2d Church, Chamb'g,	1	222	90	18	1	12	11	198	6		10	2	1	17	260	1	178 00	2062 00	Chambersburg, do do
Zwingli A. Yearick,	Mercersburg,	3	369	259	14	9	24	10	276	18		1	10	3	42	248		752 99	2199 85	Mercersburg, do do
Tilgbman R. Dietz,	Shippensburg,	1	215	74	1	9	21	7	187	1			5	1	22	172	1	187 44	4702 00	Shippensburg, Cumberland do
Sefellen E. Stofflet,	St. Paul's, Waynesboro	2	201	160	6	1	6	9	163	4		1	3	2	42	275		236 51	1565 00	Waynesboro, Franklin do
Irwin M. Beaver,	Grindstonehill,	3	289	159	5	46	75	28	254	15			9	3	58	380		175 36	1493 00	Marion do do
George C. Erb,	McConnellsburg,	3	167	84	6	1	3		146	1			4	4	24	160		66 30	288 94	McConnellsburg, Fulton do
Vacant,	St. Thomas,	3	175	83	6	3	8	4	156	1			6	3	20	115		85 00	449 21	St. Thomas, Franklin do
"	Lemaster,	1	18	15	4			20	17	2				1	4	20		9 16	1533 42	Lemaster, " do
George R. Zacharias,	Disabled,																			Upper Strasburg, Franklin do
John M. North,	Disabled licentiate,																			
Total, 15.	Total, 12.	26	3192	1829	114	86	204	145	2673	75		18	79	26	369	2806	4	$3445 31	$19874 61	

CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congs.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi-cants.	Dismissed	Excom.	Erasures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Schol. Teh. Officers.	Students for Min'ry.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Inf'ts.	Adults											Benev. Purp.	Congr. Purp.	
John C. Hensel,	Superannuated,																		Mt. Crawford, Rockingham Co., Va.
Henry St. Jno. Rinker,*	Harrisville,	2	183	114	1		1	1	162				21	2	150		$ 60 00	$ 68 00	Mauertown, Shenandoah do
Joseph S. Loose,	Disabled,																		Bridgewater, Rockingham do
Henry Talhelm, †	No Charge,																		Edenburg, Shenandoah do
John A. Hoffheins, D.D.	Martinsburg,	1	320	140	15	1	9	5	242	1		2	5	1	175	1	627 40	1280 98	Martinsburg, W. Va.
Alpha K. Kline,	Woodstock,	3	230	118	4		6	6	183				3	2	139	1	455 00	754 00	Woodstock, Shenandoah Co., Va.
John W. Rauch,*	Falling Waters,				6									1	36			20 00	Martinsburg, W. Va.
A. R. Thompson, †	Rockingham,	4	342	19	5	6	7		325	1			6	4	200	1	387 00	1070 00	Trappe, Pa.
John T. Balliet,	Timberville,	2	141	81	4	3	10	2	115			26	2	2	150		103 00	260 00	Timberville, Rockingham Co., Va.
Josiah May.	Mill Creek,	4	254	100	8		5		88	1			3	2	125		35 27	255 00	Mt. Jackson, Shenandoah Co., Va.
George G. Everhart,	Shepherdstown,	2	138	54	9	4	14		122	2			6	2	186		90 00	500 00	Shepherdstown, W. Va.
T. K. Cromer,	Lovettsville,	1	88	75	1	1	2	1	70	1		4	3	1	96		127 00	440 75	Lovettsville, Loudon Co., Va.
Lewis Reiter,	Roanoke Mission,				1												20 00	75 00	Roanoke, Va.
C. B. Heller,	Mt. Crawford,	2	148	55	2	5	9	1	130	1		3	1	2	215		281 00	416 00	Mt. Crawford, Rockingham Co. Va.
J. B. Stonesifer,	Winchester,	2	86	45	1	4	2	5	53					2	37	1	15 28	82 55	Winchester, do
S. A. Hitner,	Edenburg,	3	182	93	2				80			5	5	3	124		10 45	443 00	Lantz Mill, do
Julius H. Shuford, †	Middlebrook,	3	178	74	2		3		164				3	1	83	1	41 00	367 00	Hickory, Catawba Co., N. C.
Ministers, 17.		29	2290	968	61	24	67	21	1654	7		40	39	23	1391	5	$2352 40	$6032 28	

* Supply. † Resigned.

CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congs.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptism Inf'ts.	Baptism Adults	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Exrom.	Erasures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Students for Min'try	Contributions. Benev. Purp.	Contributions. Cong. Purp.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
G. Wm. Welker, D.D.,	Guilford,	2	345	132	16			3	300	1			13	2	170	2	$ 44 00	$ 450 00	Lamont, North Carolina.
Jeremiah Ingold, D.D.,	Without Charge,																		Hickory, do
Thomas Long,	Without Charge,																		Salem, do
Jesse W. Cecil,	Without Charge,																		Thomasville, do
John Ingle,	Without Charge,																		Blowing Rock, do
Jacob C. Clapp, D.D.	Pres. Catawba Col,																		Newton, do
John A. Foil,	Prof. in Catawba College,																		Newton, do
Peter M. Trexler,	West Rowan,	2	220	188	18		1	8	150	5			12	2	82		38 00	500 00	China Grove, do
Michael L. Hedrick,	Without Charge,																		Silver Hill. do
Paul Barringer,	Concord,	2	211	143	6		9	2	151	1			3	2	118	1	105 00	465 00	Concord, do
Joseph L. Murphy,	Hickory,	3	148	120	28	2	4	5	140	1		1	4	3	184		68 00	1091 00	Hickory, do
Jacob C. Leonard,	Upper Davidson	4	404	127	28	6	23	11	305	14		5	5	4	246		145 00	573 00	Lexington, do
James M. L. Lyerly,	Central Rowan,	3	123	162	12			9	121	1				3	181		31 00	394 00	Maiden, do
David P. Lefever,	Alamance,	3	84	73	1				68	3			2	2	154		18 00	135 00	Burlington, do
Jesse Richards,	Without Charge,																		Lakeside, Ohio.
Andrew H. Smith,	Newton,	1																	Newton, N. C.
Vacant,	Lower Davidson,	4	265	156	20	8	13	8	200	8	1	2	4	2	140		26 00	112 00	
Vacant,	Lincoln,	4	251	172	13			2	220				8	3	160		75 00	415 00	
Vacant,	Catawba,	3	347	200	8	4	5	1	250	2			3	4	300		146 00	400 00	
Vacant,	East Rowan,	2	343	246	14	1	1		240				9	2	290	1	183 00	351 00	
Mission,	Mount Bethel,	1	26	23			5		25					1	50		4 00	13 00	
Mission,	Mount Tabor,	1	37	28	4			2	20					1	42		4 00	29 00	
Mission,	Bethany,	1	33						28									265 00	
Mission,	Calvary,	1	29	3				2	25				7					500 00	
Total, 16.		37	2866	1803	168	21	61	51	2243	36	1	8	60	31	2217	4	$893 00	$5593 00	

CLASSIS OF GETTYSBURG.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congs.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms. Inft's.	Baptisms. Adults	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Stud. Min.	Contributions. Benev. Pur.	Contributions. Cong. Pur.	Offices, Tch. in S. School	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
William K. Zieber, D. D.,	Without charge,																			Hanover, York County, Pa.
John C. Bowman,	Prof. in Seminary,																			444 W. James st., Lancaster, Pa.
Thomas J. Barkley,	Gettysburg,	2	380	340	14	6	24	17	330	2			12	1	220		$227 00	$7249 00	11	Gettysburg, Adams Co., do
John H. Hartman,	Liscbeys,	4	621	580	51		1	1	585	5			15		150		191 00	1000 00	30	Hanover, York do do
Franklin A. Guth,	Jefferson,	5	660	635	66		43	2	640	5			30	3	520	2	310 00	3000 00		Codorus, do do do
Walter E. Krebs,	Without charge,																			Littlestown, Adams do do
William H. Herbert,	Abbottstown,	3	525	335	31	3	14	6	405	5		1	22	2	205		158 00	825 00	25	New Oxford, do do do
Francis S. Lindaman,	Christ Church,	3	700	495	41	2	22	15	600	12			18	3	350	1	469 00	1527 00	32	Littlestown, do do do
Benjamin F. Bausman,	Arendtsville,	2	380	295	11		13	12	367	3			9	2	196	1	315 00	1214 00	31	Arendtsville do do do
Oliver F. Schaeffer,	East Berlin,	4	288	175	10	3	19	10	259	2			18	3	160		84 00	4931 00	37	East Berlin, do do do
Joseph D. Peters,	Second Hanover,	1	471	275	26	3	36	30	320	4		4	16	1	300		79 00	2088 00	22	Hanover, York do do
George B. Resser,	First Hanover,	1	360	155	7		14	5	294	2			11	1	228		1183 00	2375 00	31	Hanover, do do do
George P. Stem,	Littlestown,	1	268	155	17		3	2	219	7			3	1	145		217 00	1322 00	19	Littlestown, Adams do do
Edward D. Miller,	West Manheim,	2	180	130			20	1	160	3			3	2			81 00	300 00		Hanover, York do do
J. Marion Mickley,	Without charge,																			M'Knightstown, Adams Co., Pa.
John F. Mackley, M. D.,	Cashtown,	3	340	175	22	1	11	6	295	4			11	3	180	2	103 00	800 00		Fairfield, do do
Total, 16.	12	29	5173	3745	296	18	225	107	4474	54		5	168	23	2194	6	$3419 00	$26601 00	236	

CLASSIS OF CARLISLE.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congs.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms. Inft's.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	S. S. Schl's.	Stud. Min.	Contributions. Benev. Pur.	Contributions. Cong. Pur.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	
Wm. R. H. Deatrich,	New Bloomfield,	3	360	144	23	8	32	21	349	14		23	15	3	46	428	1	$414 00	$ 2209 00	Newport, Perry County,	Pa.
Amos H. Kremer, D.D.,	Carlisle,	1	295	110	5	13	25	11	270	9			9	1	25	170		359 00	2250 00	Carlisle, Cumberland Co.,	do
J. David Miller,	Duncannon,	3	186	77	10	2	16	3	170	3			6	2	41	206		189 00	854 00	Marysville, Perry County,	do
Wm. H. Groh,	Sulphur Springs,	4	216	107	6	4	10	4	184	0		1	8	3	21	140	2	177 00	746 00	Carlisle Cumberland do	do
Jos. W. Bell,	Newburg,	1	144	71	4	3	6	3	136	4			4	1	16	93		365 00	575 00	Newburg, Cumberland Co.,	do
George A. House,	Landisburg,	4	388	177	14	6	34	16	288	27		49	8	5	57	324		481 00	1723 00	Landisburg, Perry County,	do
Solomon B. Schafer,	Without charge,																			Martinsburg, Blair Co.,	do
Milton H. Groh,	Without charge,																			Columbus, Ohio.	
Sam'l N. Callender, D.D.	Sec'y of For'n Missions,																			Mechanicsburg, Cumberland	Pa.
Vacant,	Mechanicsburg,	1	253	117	11	6	14	24	214	12		7	8	1	14	180		326 00	1275 00	Mechanicsburg, Cumberland	do
Vacant,	Zion's,	4	550	341	51	6	47	10	482	20		13	17	5	48	368	3	552 00	1139 00	Blain, Perry Co.,	do
Total, 9.	8	21	2392	1144	124	48	184	92	2093	89		93	75	26	268	1909	6	$2863 00	$10,771 00		

CLASSIS OF JUNIATA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregati's.	Members.	Members unconfirmed.	Baptisms		Confirmed.	By Certif. or Renew. Prof.	Communi-cants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Studts. in Min.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Infants.	Adults.											Benev. Purp's.	Cong'l Purp's.	
Frederick A. Rupley, D.D.,	Without charge,																		Martinsburg, Blair Co., Pa.
Elias D. Shoemaker,	Without charge,																		1850 Van Pelt St., Phila., Pa.
William A. Long,	Hickory Bottom,	3	344	100	14	7	28	10	318	5		3	8	3	254		$180 00	$850 00	Martinsburg, Blair Co., Pa.
Calvin U. Heilman,	Water Street,	3	426	204	28	11	42	15	380	12			5	2	211		635 00	1388 00	Alexandria, Huntingdon do do
John W. Pontius,	Martinsburg,	2	315	165	18	4	10	11	277	19			4	2	180	2	337 00	1050 00	Martinsburg, Blair do do
R. Leigbton Gerhart,	Bedford,	1	190	75	8	3	7	4	166	9			2	1	123	1	154 00	1364 00	Bedford, Bedford do do
Samuel C. Stover,	Dunning's Creek,	3	281	176	13		5	3	248	8			6	3	174		161 00	886 00	Cessna, do do do
Lloyd E. Coblentz,	Altoona (Trinity),	1	244	185	23	4	11	31	210	5			8	1	241		215 00	3095 00	611 8th St., Altoona, Blair do do
Wm. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D.,	Huntingdon,	1	249	88	10	4	10	29	216	8		2	3	1	173	1	323 00	1245 00	Huntingdon, Huntingdon do do
Francis M. Line,	Everett,	2	106	71	15	1	5	3	72	2			5	1	100		153 00	785 00	Everett, Bedford do do
Albert S. Glessner,	Sulphur Springs,	3	302	216	19	6	29	11	248	11		16	5	2	130		175 00	1361 00	Mann's Choice, Bedford do do
John F. Moyer,	Altoona (Christ),	1	455	223	13	1	3	7	343	3			2	1	250		376 00	2152 00	1505 12 Ave. Altoona, Blair do do
Titus C. Strock,	Woodcock Valley,	5	328	168	10	3	1	3	178	4			6	3	221	1	135 00	651 00	James Creek, Huntingdon do do
Simon U. Waugaman,	Greenfield,	4	466	410	30	1	1	1	274	4			14	4	420		221 00	973 00	Claysburg, Blair do do
Daniel G. Hetrick,	Schellsburg,	3	193	120	3	3	9		193					3	100		28 00		Schellsburg, Bedford do do
Edward W. Stonebraker,	Yellow Creek,	2	145	120					120				4	2	165		86 00	438 00	Loysburg, Bedford do do
Ambrose C. Geary,	Friend's Cove,	3	164	135	2				143				6	2	92		103 00	102 00	Charlesville, Bedford do do
Vacant,	St. Clairsville,	3	343	319	20			2	305	1			6	2	254		467 00	958 00	St. Clairsville, Bedford do do
Vacant,	McConnellstown,	3	294	132	6	4	10	14	213	14			5	2	157	1	137 00	637 00	McConnellst'n, Hunt'don do do
Vacant,	Orbisonia,	3	95	56	3				58					2	72		400 00	274 00	Orbisonia, Huntingdon do do
Vacant,	Clear Ridge,	3	70	50					44	4			1				28 00	91 00	Clearville, Bedford do do
Total, 17		49	5010	3024	235	55	171	147	4006	109		21	90	37	3317	6	$3918 00	$18300 00	

CLASSIS OF PORTLAND-OREGON.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Cong.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi-cants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S.S. Schl's.	Min. Stud.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Inf'ts.	Adults											Bener. Purp's.	Cong'l Purp's.	
John Gantenbein, D. D.,	Without charge,																		493 Everett, Portland, Oregon.
Jacob Müllhaupt,	Salem,	3	90	86	6		8	6	72				3	3	85		$19 00	$367 00	352 Marion, Salem, do
Julius Lange,	Meridian,	2	54	43	5		3	2	34				1	1	25		32 00	392 00	Stafford, Clackamas Co., do
	Washougal, Wash.,		16	18	2				12									20 00	
Gottfried Graedel,	Ballard,	2	22	24	7			5				1		1	33				Ballard, Washington.
Rudolph Staub,	Mink,	2	114	93	6				93				4	2	57		81 00	300 00	Mink, Clackamas Co., Oregon.
Herman Liesmann,	West Union,	1	60	90	6				40					1	62		10 00	230 00	Glencoe, Washington Co., Oregon.
R. H. Staehli,	Without Charge,																		San Francisoo, Cal.
Vacant, no report,	Sandy & Waldo Hills,	2																	
Vacant, no report,	Napa, Cal.,	1																	
Theodore G. De Lyre,	Without Charge,																		720 Marietta Ave , Lancaster, Pa.
J. G. Schmid,	Astoria,	2	32	25	11		5		20					1	12		5 00	120 00	276 11th St., Astoria, Oregon.
J. G. Biegert,	Seattle,	1	79	83	10				70										1116 7th St., Seattle, Wash.
Vacant,	Stockton, Cal.,	1	54		9		1	9	17			2		1	41			480 00	
Theodore Wartmann,	Portland,	2	100	110	30		9	11	120			20	2	1	80		25 00	799 00	94 N. 9th St., Portland, Ore.
Total, 11.		19	921	572	72		24	33	478			23	10	11	395		$172 00	$3708 00	

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States.

CLASSES.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Excommun'd.	Erasures of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for the Holy Ministry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congrega'l Purposes.
Zion's, - - - -	11	33	4,262	2,791	367	26	247	127	3,599	44		55	131	41	166	3,503	7	$3,339 00	$20 368 00
Maryland, - - -	37	58	8,353	4,917	453	51	421	231	6,803	166		32	236	59	789	6,426	14	8,252 00	52,796 00
Mercersburg, - - -	15	26	3,192	1,829	114	86	204	145	2,673	75		18	79	26	369	2,806	4	3,445 31	19,874 61
Virginia, - - -	17	29	2,290	968	61	24	67	21	1,654	7		40	39	23		1,391	5	2,352 00	6,032 00
North Carolina, - - -	16	37	2,866	1,803	168	21	61	51	2,243	36	1	8	60	31		2,217	4	893 00	5,593 00
Gettysburg - - -	16	29	5,175	3,745	296	18	225	107	4,474	54		5	168	22	236	2,194	6	3,419 00	26,601 00
Carlisle - - - -	9	21	2,392	1,144	124	48	184	92	2,093	89		93	75	26	268	1,909	6	2,863 00	10,771 00
Juniata, - - -	17	49	5,010	3,024	235	55	176	148	4,006	109		21	90	37		3,317	6	3,918 00	18,300 00
Portland-Oregon, - -	11	19	621	572	92	.	24	33	478			23	10	11		395		172 00	2,708 00
Total, - - - - 9 Classes,	149	301	34,159	20,793	1,910	329	1,612	955	28,023	580	1	295	888	276	1,828	24,158	52	$28,653 31	$163,043 61
Eastern Synod, - - 11 Classes,	246	491	89,131	49,608	5,569	567	4,597	2,362	72,151	1,362	4	1,177	2,907	595	6,886	61,877	101	$119,285 00	$390,717 00
Synod of Ohio, - - 6 Classes,	111	220	20,320	6,110	769	383	985	746	14,238	466	2	530	415	202	2,635	18,820	36	26,452 63	110,240 87
Synod of Pittsburgh, - 5 Classes,	62	142	15,261	9,014	915	132	851	718	12,893	397	2	315	340	110		9,239	17	21,001 00	86,402 00
Synod of the North West, 10 Classes.	144	200	18,707	13,210	1,721	29	958	875	13,564	188	6	396	432	170		10 397	42	14,754 00	112,293 00
German Synod of the East, 5 Classes.	50	45	13,191	9,605	2,232	15	732	748	10,519	75	3	755	606	44	954	9,697	11	9,996 00	104,577 00
Central Synod, - - 4 Classes,	84	116	18,959	11,252	1,259	63	867	869	13,836	184	6	409	501	107	531	11,704	24	13,202 00	75,687 00
Synod of the Interior, - 5 Classes,	39	68	2,802	1,465	118	46	153	158	2,090	40	2	98	38	59	485	3,131	2	2,978 00	17,269 00
Grand Total, 8 Dis't Synods; 55 Classes,	885	1,583	212,830	121,057	14,526	1,564	10758	7,431	169,314	3,292	26	3,975	6,130	1,563	13,319	149,023	285	$236,321 94	$1,060,229 48

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